The ECHO

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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

July Highlights

- **7/13, Sun, 10:00 am**
  - Urabon-e & Hatsubon Service
  - Guest Speaker: **Rev. Candice Shibata**
- **7/19 & 20, Sat & Sun**
  - 73rd Annual Obon Festival & Bazaar
- **7/20 Sun, 6:30 pm**
  - Bon Odori Service in Hondo

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August Highlights

- **8/23 Sat, 10:00 am**
  - Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament

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September Highlights

- **9/7 Sun, 10:00 am**
  - Dharma School resumes
  - Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September

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Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

We recognize and celebrate our graduating High School Seniors by printing their Dharma Talks. In this issue, Lacey Armistead, Bradley Aquino & Jillian Higa. Next issue, other High School Seniors

2025 Graduating High School Seniors

FROM LEFT: DS Superintendent Brent Izutsu,Teacher Cori Kumamoto, Danica, Miya, Michael, Jillian, Bradley, Teacher Alex Muselman & Rev. Mukojima.
Not pictured: Lacey, Yamani, Marcus, Olivia & James

High School Class of 2025 - 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**

Bradley Aquino
Mountain View High School

Lacey Armistead
Pinewood School

Jillian Higa
Mountain View High School

Michael Hom
Homestead High School

Yamani Huang
Lynbrook High School

Miya Kosakura
Monta Vista High School

Danica Lim
Homestead High School

Marcus Wang
Homestead High School

Olivia Wang
Homestead High School

James Yoshida
Homestead High School

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Canada Day **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	**2** **6p-9p** Boy Scouts	**3** **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**4** Independence Day **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**5**
6 **10a-12p** Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School **11:30a-12:30p** YBA Lunch **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **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 **7p-9p** Obon Odori & Maui Odori Practice **7:30p-8:30p** MVBT Ukulele Club **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**9** **7:30p-9:30p** MVBT Board Meeting	**10** **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7p-9p** Obon Odori & Maui Odori Practice **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** Urabon-e / Hatsubon Service **12p-2p** Taiko Class -All **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**14**	**15** **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **6:30p-7:30p** Adult Continuing Taiko **7p-8p** Cub Scout Pack Meeting **7p-9p** Obon Odori & Maui Odori Practice **7:30p-8:30p** MVBT Ukulele Club **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**16** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**17** **5p-7p** MVBT Adult Taiko - Parking Lot **7p-9p** Obon Odori & Maui Odori Practice **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**18** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**19** Obon Festival & Bazaar
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27 **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**28** World Hepatitis Day **7:30p-8:30p** RPC Meeting	**29** **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	**30** Int'l. Friendship Day **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**31** **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko		

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

Religious Planning — July, August & September 2025

July 6, 2025, Sunday, No Services

July 13, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Urabon-e Service & Hatsubon Service

Urabon-e: An annual memorial observance in honor of one's ancestors. Urabon-e, 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-e service following the passing of a loved one.

Guest Speaker: **Rev. Candice Shibata**, Resident Minister of the Buddhist Temple of Stockton

July 19 - 20, 2025, Saturday & Sunday, Obon Festival & Bazaar

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

July 27, 2025, Sunday, No Services

August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2025, Sunday, No Services

September 7, 2025, 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

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 (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

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

Jean Hisako Higa ***Aug 21, 1936 - May 16, 2025***

Helen Toshiko Sasaki ***Dec 10, 1937 - May 25, 2025***

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

Namo Amida Butsu — With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words.

Class of 2025 8th Grade Graduates - Congratulations!

From Left: DS Superintendent Brent Izutsu, Teacher Mason Inouye, Teacher Carol Yonemura, Sophia, Kosuke, Odin, Teacher Debby Inenaga & Rev. Mukojima

Not pictured: Blake, Gavin, Ko, Dylan, Garret & Tyler

8th Grade Graduate	Middle School
Blake Armistead	Pinewood School
Gavin Cary	Graham Middle School
Sophia Eng	Price Middle School
Ko Hirabayashi	Sunnyvale Middle School
Dylan Lai	Cupertino Middle School
Kosuke Tanaka	Cupertino Middle School
Garrett Tao	Peterson Middle School
Tyler Uyekubo	Borel Middle School
Odin Vignola	Central Middle School

MVBT YBA News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

Hawaiian Breakfast

Thank you everyone for supporting YBA's Hawaiian Breakfast! We appreciate everyone who came out to support YBA before service to eat some delicious breakfast food and enjoy a fun tropical atmosphere.

Maui Trip

Our members are excited to travel to Maui this summer for our YBA trip. It's a special opportunity for us to connect with other temples and strengthen our YBA community. **Mr. Brent** has been very helpful with planning our itinerary for our trip to the island he grew up on!

Polish Dog Booth:

We will once again be running the polish dog booth during Obon this year! Make sure to stop by to say "Hello," and grab a delicious polish dog.

Thank You, Mr. Brent:

We want to thank **Brent Izutsu** for his 10 years as an advisor for YBA. Mr. Brent's guidance and support has made a lasting impact on the YBA, and we are very grateful for all he has done for us.

In Gassho,
Emi Hirabayashi
2025 - 2026 YBA President

JILLIAN HIGA

Mountain View High School 2025

Bound for University of Oregon

Okay for Change to Happen

By Jillian Higa

Good Morning, Everyone

As they said, my name is Jillian Higa.

Yes, another Higa. If you don't understand why that's funny, then you're probably new.

I've been going to church ever since I could remember. Following in my sisters' footsteps by participating in YBA and playing taiko. This Temple has taught me to view and live my own life differently. In other words, I'm able to understand that life will change in small or great ways.

For instance, If you don't already know, I have two older sisters. Six years ago, I got to see my oldest sister give her Senior Speech. Since then, I've thought about what I would say when it's my turn. Then not long after, my middle sister turned in her recording of her speech. The thought of what I'm gonna say came to mind again. The Temple has meant so much to me. I've had several years of lessons and teaching that I've learned that I could talk about.

Ultimately, after going through high school, becoming a YBA member, and being more consistent in attending services, it's only natural that I talk about the changes that occurred in my life.

The first major change I've felt was not only starting high school, a new chapter in my life, but also becoming an only child at the same time. Both of my sisters were going off to college by the time I was going into high school. As an incoming freshman that didn't have her sisters in the room next door anymore, I felt alone and overall scared to enter high school. But church gave me a place where I didn't have to feel this way. As I walked through the Hondo, finding my friends in the pews, that sudden lost and scared feeling went away.

As I finally got into high school, I had to learn how to adjust and persevere through the new social and academic aspects of my life. The past 4 years I've had to face challenges in friend groups, sports, and overall the struggle of staying productive. By my Senior year, I learned to deal with a variety of personalities when it came to friend groups. Although I didn't get along with everyone, being able to develop the social skills to interact with new people is something I will cherish. As I reflect on everything else that I've done here at the Temple, I realized that through coaching Tri-City, attending Nakayoshi Gakko since Panda then becoming a Senpai, and becoming a full YBA member that participated on the cabinet, I've had to quickly develop leadership skills and the confidence in my own abilities.

Speaking of the YBA, I've done so much with this organization that has shaped me to who I am today. Not only has it created friendships and relationships that will become so important to me. But by attending conferences, becoming President, and other key events, YBA also taught me to step outside my comfort zone and take new opportunities as they come.

The independence, leadership, and confidence I've developed in high school and YBA has allowed me to enjoy my Senior year. Having a sense of who I am and understanding there will be challenges along the way, I've been able to get through my Senior year. But, the one challenge or change that I didn't realize would have such an impact, was the limited time.

Senior year is all about saying goodbye, and having to let go of all things familiar. I recognized that this year would go by fast, but I truly didn't understand how quickly everything would go. Although I tried to make the most of what would be considered my last year, I rather view this last year not as the end, but as a reflection to who I want to be in the future.

As I share my speech here, like my sisters did all those years ago, I can look back at how much has changed -- being a little Dharma School student that couldn't sit still in the pews to becoming the newest High School graduate in my family. Time has truly gone by and it's only gonna keep going.

So, although time is fleeting and everything will become a faint memory, it's important to carry what you've learned to help you get through life. The Temple has given me opportunities that allow me to reflect that it's okay for change to happen. In fact, change will always occur in life, but un-

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Interconnectedness with Mindfulness snd Kindness

LACEY ARMISTEAD

Pinewood School
2025

Bound for
Vanderbilt University

Studying
Electrical and Computer Engineering

By Lacey Armistead

Good Morning, Everyone.

I'm so grateful to be here today and to be a part of this Temple, which has given me so many fond memories through the 15 years I've been attending. I remember circling the Hondo in my spider costume with the rest of the kids on Halloween, helping prepare *chi chi dango* with my family for Obon, and sprinting to the YBA Hall after Dharma School was over to get the snacks. But what I remember the most are all the connections I made with so many people in the Sangha as well as the lessons I learned from the Buddhist teachings.

After losing my grandma about two weeks ago, I realized just how much she was at the center of all my fondest memories at the Temple. She was the one who sewed my many Halloween costumes, including the spider one, led the preparation and selling of our "Chi Chi Dango and Chicken Salad" at our Obon Booth, and sat in that YBA Hall when I got there after Dharma School. She and my grandpa brought my family to this Temple, and that is something that I'm very grateful for.

I also want to thank the rest of my family, my mom, my dad, and my brother who have shaped my Temple experience in so many ways. Whether it was my mom who always made sure we got to Temple on time when I didn't feel like waking up and made sure I was on top of all my Temple responsibilities or my dad who constantly asked questions about what everything meant and how service was that day or my brother who made me feel better for at least attending church more than he did. Each of them has contributed to my memories here and my understanding of the Buddhist teachings.

I'm also incredibly thankful for the friendships I've made in YBA and through just being part of this community. They are a large part of why I looked forward to attending church and the various activities like planning events, traveling together for conferences, and just sitting around talking after meetings. These relationships reminded me that being a part of this Temple isn't just about individual practice; it's about shared experience and mutual growth. Whether it's sharing stories with new people during Temple events, learning from our *senseis*, or even just sitting in service together, I've learned that each interaction shapes who we are and who we're becoming.

Understanding interconnectedness has made me more grateful and aware of how I act, think, and talk. It's a reminder to act with mindfulness and kindness, knowing that my actions don't exist in a vacuum. So, as I continue to grow and change, especially in this new phase of my life in college, I hope to remember that our actions don't just affect ourselves, they affect the people and communities around us, positively or negatively.

Thank you.

Okay for Change to Happen - Cont'd

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derstanding how you react to these changes will determine how you move forward.

I would like to say "Thank You" to this Temple, for being a community of familiar faces I get to see every Sunday. Thank You to all the friendships I've created through YBA and Dharma School. Finally, a huge Thank You to all my family. All my aunts, uncles and cousins for supporting me and always being there for me. My grandparents for coming to all my basketball games and taking care of me my whole life. More specifically, I wanna say Thank You to my grandma, she's the foundation of my time here at the Temple and has made such an influence on who I am as a person. My mom for bringing me to church, supporting me in YBA, and for always pushing me to be my best. My dad for being my number one supporter in everything. As well as being patient and understanding when I'm being difficult. Thank You to Caitlyn and Vanessa for helping me create a path to find my own journey and being there for me through it all. I appreciate everyone here for creating a community that I can always come back to.

Although I said Senior Year was the time of goodbyes, technically now that I've officially graduated and Senior Year is over, I will instead say "See you later" and "Thank you."

Jillian Higa

MICHAEL HOM

Homestead High School 2025

Bound for De Anza College

Studying Business Administration

Forever Grateful for My Time at MVBT

By Michael Hom

Good Morning Everyone.

My name is Michael. I hope you are having a great start to your day.

My earliest memory at this Temple was attending the Obon with my family. Stepping into the lively community, to be honest, the only thing I was excited for at the time was to eat some of the shaved ice. Growing up, I constantly heard stories of how my dad and his friends would come here to play basketball at night when he was my age, and all I could think was, "Wow, this Temple is really that old?" Just kidding, but when I first entered these Temple grounds, all I saw was a place for this annual festival to be held and somewhere I could practice basketball. Little did I know, I was immersing myself into one of the most uplifting and interconnected communities I have ever been a part of. From that point on, it felt like the Temple was a hotspot for my activities, coming and meeting my friends for many different events. Over the years, it has transformed from an unfamiliar place to somewhere I know could come in and be accepted without any judgement.

It was only in my High School years when I took the opportunity to further involve myself by joining YBA with some of my friends. Coming in, I already knew a good amount of the members and some were even my close friends, but I was still nervous when I first came in. However, once again, my fears immediately vanished as I was warmly welcomed by the other members and the advisors like I have been a part of YBA for years already. Through my time as a part of YBA, I have not only gotten the chance to broaden my understanding of Buddhist Principles through conferences, services, and Dharma School, but I have also been able to make connections with people that I never thought I would have met. Being a part of such a thoughtful and hard-working group of people, I was able to see the work that was put in to run events like our YBA Spaghetti Dinner or Keiro Kai. Initially, the process to put on these things seemed intimidating, but, after hearing the sounds of the bustling gym and seeing smiles on everyone's faces during our event, I felt a feeling so rewarding that every second that we put in immediately felt worth it.

As I move forward in life, I am going to have to leave many things behind, but the lessons I've learned and the friends I've made through the Temple's community will not be one of them. I will be forever grateful for my time here and all of the experiences I have shared with those around me.

Thank you to those who have helped me learn some of the most valuable lessons of my life like how to be empathetic of others, to accept all without judgement, to be open-minded and try new things, and most importantly, to not go outside while playing tag at a Tri-City holiday party.

Thank you all for Listening.

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 - 2025 Hatsubon Families

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple has 13 families that have lost a loved one since the 2024 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
Orden Yoshito Ichinaga	June 19, 2024	Shaku Gi-Shō	釋義生
Masae Okuno	July 8, 2024	Shaku Kō-Chō	釋好澄
Michiyo Dora Iguchi	Sept 9, 2024	Keikyō-In Shaku Ji-Shō	敬教院 釋慈照
Susan Sumiko Nishimoto	Oct 17, 2024	Shaku Chō-Jō	釋澄静
Mooi Lian Imai	Oct 22, 2024	Shaku Hō-Ke	釋宝華
Barbara Kikuyo Sugimoto	Oct 29, 2024	Shaku An-Yo	釋安代
Akio Nakano	Nov 14, 2024	Shaku Hō-Shō	釋法昌
Frances Fumiko Sawamura	Dec 11, 2024	Shaku Bun-Ka	釋文華
Kuniko Shimoguchi	Jan 9, 2025	Shaku Kun-Myō	釋訓明
James Yutaka Shidawara	March 13, 2025	Shaku Hō-E	釋豊慧
Leo Tsugio Uchiyama	April 16, 2025	Shaku Jō-Kan	釋静観
Jean Hisako Higa	May 16, 2025	Shaku Ku-Etsu	釋久悦
Helen Toshiko Sasaki	May 25, 2025	I Ho-In Shaku Bin-Kei	為法院 釋敏慧

MVBT President's Message

This month I want to feature the efforts of our Sangha to communicate and share information about and with each other through the Echo, our monthly MVBT Newsletter.

The Echo was first published in March of 1961 with **George Makishima** serving as its first Editor. The name for the 'Echo' was chosen by **Rev Sensho Sasaki**. 'E-Ko' in a Buddhist Sutra meaning sound back, reverberate and turn back, hence 'Echo' was selected as the name of the monthly newsletter. (paraphrased from the 25th Anniversary Echo publication). Sounds very similar to Echo in the English language! Subsequent to George Makishima, **George Abey** served as Echo editor.

Does anyone remember the "Echo Room"? This was in the current classroom in YBA Hall and housed the reproduction machinery and typesetting materials that were required to create the Echo in its original form. Prior to our YBA Hall remodel, it was also the prep location for our Obon's Nigiri Sushi and YBA's Spam Musubi.

Prior to computers, the newsletter had to be typed on a manual typewriter (anyone remember those?). **Reiko Tsuchida** recalls having to make sure to type articles in a particular size and shape in order to literally cut and paste articles to be reproduced!

Coming into the 2000s, our first online Echo was generated in January 2009 by **Laurie Iwami**.

Our current Echo editor is **Steve Tsuchida**. The Echo Staff besides Steve includes **Reiko Tsuchida**, **David Kariya**, **Alice Ishida**, **Sadao Ishida** and **Russ Nakano**. **Doug Sawamura** coordinates emailing the Echo to the MVBT mailing list, **Randy Sato** forwards emails to the Dharma

FRONT ROW From Left: Alice Ishida & Reiko Tsuchida

BACK ROW: David Kariya, Steve Tsuchida & Russ Nakano

School Families and **Curt Fukuda** uploads the Echo to the mvbuddhisttemple.org website.

Many thanks to all involved on the Echo staff as well as Echo article contributors to keep our community connected!

In Appreciation,
Julie Satake Ryu
2025 MVBT President

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

Asian American Heritage Month

In honor of Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage month, Girl Scouts offered the opportunity to appreciate and learn about many of the great contributions, experiences and voices from the AANHPI community.

Our Girl Scouts earned the AANHPI patch by completing eight steps, which gave them the opportunity to learn about Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) authors and illustrators, learn a poem by a Youth Poet Laureate, research famous chefs, and Olympic athletes and medalists. They then visited an important historical site - our very own MVBT Crooked Tree, and learned about its history!

Bridging

The Troop will celebrate the end of the year by hosting their Bridging Ceremony. We have two scouts bridging to the next level:

- Keiko T. bridging from Brownie to Junior
- Hayden S. bridging from Cadette to Senior

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

Thank You, Mukojima Family

Thank you to Rev. Mukojima, Mika, Kurumi and Oji for treating everyone to cold *somen* after the last Dharma School Sunday Service on June 8.

ありがとう　ございます

In Gassho,
MVBT Sangha

Miroku

June Meeting

To conclude our year, we held our final meeting on Sunday, June 1. During the meeting, although we started off with our usual business [discussing past events such as our Dana Project to raise money for the Alma Bonita Animal Rescue, and future events such as our social event, which is still, fortunately, far off as well as our Obon booth, Flip the Brick (formerly known as Shooting Gallery - reason for change still not released as public knowledge)], we finished the meeting with fun games and sweet treats.

We played three cup stacking games, in which it must be noted that Team 1 (my team) won. As a well-deserved prize, we received Hi-Chews. However, these were not the only sweets we ate. One of our advisors had also purchased ice cream sandwiches from Safeway across the street that very same morning, and, so I hear, had help from her daughter.

Naturally, as always, we closed out the meeting with closing Gassho and the monthly AED checks.

8th Grade Graduates & Incoming 6th Graders

Although we were, of course, deeply distraught at the end of yet another magnificent year of wonderful work, we are glad to see our 8th Grade members move on to the next chapter of their careers here at MVBT, YBA, and look forward with much excitement to welcoming our incoming 6th Graders and any other new members interested in joining this illustrious organization.

In Gassho,
Sophia Eng
8th Grade Miroku Member

MIROKU

middle school group

2025 150 Club News

Our winners for June are **Damon & Trevor Uyehara**.
Congratulations to Damon & Trevor!

Thank you to everyone for participating in the 150 Club!

Stay safe!

150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

Toban & Echo	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent to Sangha
JULY	Zones 6 & 7	N / A	N / A
AUG	No Toban	No Aug Echo	N / A
SEPT	Toban 8 & 9	Aug 15 (Fri)	Aug 20 (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 .

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Adult Buddhist Association

ABA News

ABA ACTIVITIES

Qi Gong and Reiki Session

ABA hosted a Qi Gong and Reiki workshop on June 7 led by **Ben Hashiba**, **Joy Nakamura**, and **Terry Shimizu**, attended by 15 ABA members. We learned how to channel the power of the natural energy around us to promote healing, reduce stress, and encourage relaxation. We warmed up with simple Qi Gong exercises before moving on to understanding the powerful benefits of Reiki. Practicing on each other elicited both surprising and positive results. It was truly an awakening experience in uniting one's mind, body, and spirit.

Many thanks to Ben, Joy, and Terry for sharing their knowledge, with gratitude from those who participated.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Obon

ABA will be selling Chicken Teriyaki and Spam Musubi for the Obon.

San Jose Giants

Also, we look forward to attending our 13th consecutive year at the San Jose Giants game and fireworks show on Friday, August 22. Thank you **Joanne Makishima** for coordinating the event this year and the past twelve.

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 hybrid on Friday, July 11, at 7:30 pm.

In Gassho,
Ken Nakano
ABA President

Upcoming Major Services

Obon / Hatsubon Service.....July 13

Fall Ohigan Service.....Sept 14

Bishops' Memorial & Keiro Kai Luncheon ..... Oct 12

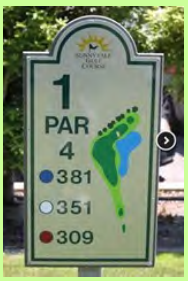
ABA Memorial Service

Eitaikyo Service & ABA Memorial Service ..... Nov 16

Bodhi Day Service..... Dec 7

New Year's Eve Service ..... Dec 31

Sunnyvale Golf



Save the Date

Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament

at

Sunnyvale Golf Course

Saturday, August 23

Fundraiser for Sasaki Memorial Scholarship

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

Buddhist Women's Association Activities

BWA ACTIVITIES

MVBT BWA Membership

Welcome to our newest member, **Lillian Terada**.

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

Passing of Beloved BWA Advisor

We are deeply saddened by the passing of **Mrs. Helen Sasaki**. Mrs. Sasaki served as our BWA Advisor while her husband **Rev. LaVerne Sasaki** was our Resident Minister (1971-1990). Mrs. Sasaki will be remembered for her kindness and warm friendship to our BWA. Our heartfelt condolences to the Sasaki family.

BWA Obon Test Kitchen

These past few months, a sub-group of BWA members (**Lorrie Kitasoe**, **Amy Arakaki**, **Sandy Furuichi**, **Marilyn Ozawa**, **Teri Hirota** and **Shirley Matsumoto**) tested several *chi chi dango* recipes in the Sangha Hall kitchen. After many batches of fine tuning the process, we picked the winning recipe and our BWA will plan to make *chi chi dango* for Obon.

Chi Chi Dango

Congratulations

Our BWA congratulates all of our 8th grade and High School Dharma School graduates.

We are so very proud of all of you!

In Gassho,
Shirley Matsumoto
2025 BWA President

Photo from the 1980's. Mrs. Helen Sasaki (first row wearing black jacket/maroon skirt) with BWA Members

RIGHT: Marilyn, Shirley, Lorrie and Sandy making different *chi chi dango* recipes

LEFT: Amy, Teri, Lorrie, Shirley and Sandy cutting the perfect *chi chi dango* size pieces

ABOVE: 8th Grade Dharma School Graduates

From Left: Sophia , Gavin, Odin & Kosuke

ABOVE: Congratulations High School Dharma School Graduates

From Left: Brad , Danica, Jillian & Michael

Dharma School News

Dharma School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations Graduates!

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

8th Grade Graduates

Congratulations to our 8th Grade graduates:

Blake Armistead
Gavin Cary
Sophia Eng
Ko Hirabayashi
Dylan Lai
Kosuke Tanaka
Garrett Tao
Tyler Uyekubo
Odin Vignola

2025 8th Grade Class

High School Graduates

Congratulations to our High School graduates:

Bradley Aquino
Lacey Armistead
Jillian Higa
Yamani Huang
Michael Hom
Miya Kosakura
Danica Lim
James Yoshida
Marcus Wang
Olivia Wang

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

2025 High School Graduates

Dharma School Attendance Awards

On Sunday, June 8, the Dharma School recognized students who had stellar attendance records throughout the year:

1st Grade:	**Riley Chu** and **Yuji Paris**
4th Grade:	**Yumi Paris** and **Avery Chu**
6th Grade:	**Kayley Chu**, **Camryn Nguyen**, and **Shelby Nguyen**
7th Grade:	**Oji Mukojima**, **Yoshi Paris**, and **Kelly Tao**
High School:	**Emi Hirabayashi**, **Kendall Inouye**, **Kurumi Mukojima**, and **Jeremy Tao**

Attendance Awards

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dharma School Fundraiser

We will have a dine in/walk-in/call-in fundraiser at both the Sunnyvale and Mountain View **Bonchon locations on Thursday, June 26.** Anyone ordering in-person or over the phone can mention that they are part of Mountain View Buddhist Temple, and the Dharma School will get 20% back (**unfortunately mobile app and website orders will not count**). Please support the Dharma School and enjoy some delicious Korean Fried Chicken!

Dharma School Birthdays

The Sangha celebrated Everett's birthday on June 8.

Birthday Presentation

A special thank you to **Casey Katayama** and **Jadine Yee** for your assistance with the Dharma School birthday books this year!

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship

Certificate of Scholarship

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Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarhip Recipients

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Bradley Aquino,

Lacey Armistead &

Jillian Higa

The Rev. Sensho and Mrs. Kinuko Sasaki Scholarship was awarded at the Sunday Service on June 8 to three Dharma School, high school graduating seniors. Congratulations to **Jillian Higa, Lacey Armistead,** and **Bradley Aquino**.

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 1986 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 72 scholarships to deserving Dharma School high school graduates.

In Gassho,
Sasaki Scholarship Committee

FROM LEFT:
Steve Tsuchida, Jillain & Bradley

NOT PICTURED: Lacey

Rev. Sensho & Mrs. Kinuko Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament Funds the Sasaki Scholarhip

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 23 at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. A signup sheet can be found in this issue of the Echo. It is also available on the MVBT Website and Putra's Post.

Sunnyvale Golf

A signup sheet can also be found at:

https://tinyurl.com/2025-Sasaki-Golf-Signup

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 &
Sasaki Scholarship Committee

Mountain View Buddhist Temple's
38th Annual Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament

When: **Saturday, August 23, 2025**

Course: **Sunnyvale Golf Course**
605 Macara Lane
Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Entry Deadline: **Wednesday, August 14, 2025.** 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 18.

Fee: **$175 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 14, 2025.**

To Sign up Online & Pay by Credit Card: Go to https://tinyurl.com/2025-Sasaki-Golf-Signup

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 ----------

38th 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 - $175 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: June 12 was our last gathering due to Nakayoshi Gakko to resume their summer program. Enjoy your summer break and continue to stay well.

Thursday, September 11: Senior Activities will resume on Thursday, September 11. Mark this date on your calendar. We will be anxious to see you all.

SENIOR COOKBOOKS

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

SENIOR CRAFT and ALL ACTIVITIES

The Craft and all Activities Programs start at 9:00 am and end at 12 noon.

DURING SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Light refreshment is provided that includes coffee and tea. Everyone is welcome.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

MVBT Class for CPR and AED Certification

CPR & AED
CERTIFICATION

On behalf of the Safety and Security Committee, a CPR/AED certification class was held on May 18.

Participants learned techniques for performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and using an automated external defibrillator (AED). The half-day training included hands on practice in simulated emergency situations. The certification earned by the participants is valid for two years.

Special thanks to **Eileen and Richard Fujikawa** for their help supporting the class.

Below are some highlights from the class.

Back row from left: Carol Yonemura, Ashley Jones, Sally Kawano, Emi Mori, Kendall Inouye, Jaimie Holznecht, Rob Holznecht, Doug Sawamura & Don Chislow (instructor)

Front row: Karen Majewski, Stephanie Mori & Emily Terada

Not pictured: Julie Satake Ryu

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Hope everyone has your calendars marked for our 70th Annual Obon Festival and Bazaar that will take place on July 19 and 20! Always a wonderful weekend of cultural sights, sounds and delicious foods, we look forward to hosting and re-connecting with old and new friends who visit each year. Beyond coming and enjoying yourself, we also ask you to support this critical fundraiser through your giving of time and resources.

More details available at:
https://obon.mvbuddhisttemple.org/

ENJOY!

The hours of this year's Obon will be 4pm – 9pm on Saturday and 12pm-8pm on Sunday. Our tentative schedule of events is to the right. Everyone is welcomed to join in as you are for Maui and Odori dancing, but—if you'd like—videos are on the website and in-person: **Odori & Maui Dancing practice will take place at 7:00pm & 8:00pm** Tuesday 7/8, Thursday 7/10 and Tuesday 7/15 in the Sangha Hall, and Thursday 7/17 outside around the Yagura.

Schedule Of Events

Saturday

4:00-8:00pm	Cultural Exhibits
4:30pm	MVBT Taiko
5:00-7:00pm	Hondo Foyer Open
6:00pm	Taiko
7:30 -9:00pm	Maui Dancing

Sunday

12:00-5:00pm	Cultural Exhibits
12:30pm	MVBT Taiko
1:00-2:00pm	Children's Activities
2:00-4:00pm	Hondo Foyer Open
3:30pm	Taiko
6:00-7:00	Chidori Band
6:30pm	Obon Service
7:00 -8:00pm	Odori Dancing

DONATE!

Each year, we invite members of our Temple community to make dedication lantern donations to honor loved ones that have passed. You can purchase different levels of dedication lantern here, starting at $25:

https://form.jotform.com/MVBuddhist/2025-obon-lanterns
Lanterns will be featured with gratitude on our website and in the Dining Hall.

VOLUNTEER!

Thank you to the MVBT Sangha in advance...This event would not be possible without all our amazing volunteers. We have created a Sangha Site

https://sites.google.com/mvbuddhisttemple.org/obon2025/home

(also linked through our main Obon webpage) that centralizes volunteer information and sign-up sheets. The week leading up to Obon is a busy time, the following lists key areas where help is always welcomed and you can just stop by and pitch in!

Help Needed	Day	Time	Where
Manju Prep (An Balls)	Tues 7/15	1pm – 4pm	Sangha Hall
Manju Making	Weds 7/16	9am – 4pm	Sangha Hall
Chicken Cleaning	Weds 7/16	6pm – 9pm	Sangha Hall
Tent/Booth Set Up	Weds 7/16	6pm – 8pm	Temple Grounds
Sangha Snacks Prep	Thurs 7/17	8am—5pm	Sangha Hall Kitchen
Beef Skewering	Fri 7/18	6pm—8pm	Sangha Hall
General Set Up	Fri 7/18	Following Skewering	Parking Lot/Yagura
Dining Hall Set up	Fri 7/18	Following Skewering	Temple Grounds
Corn Shucking	Sat 7/19	10am – 12pm	In front of YBA Hall
Taking down Banners	Sun 7/20	7pm – 10pm	Parking Lot/Yagura
General Clean Up	Tues 7/22	6pm-8pm	Temple Grounds
General Clean Up	Weds 7/23	6pm-8pm	Temple Grounds

2025 Odori & Maui Dance Practice Schedule

Everyone is welcomed to join in as you are for Maui and Odori dancing, but—if you'd like—videos are on the Obon website and in-person practices are scheduled in the weeks leading up to Obon.

Tuesday, July 8 (Sangha Hall Gym)

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

Thursday, July 10 (Sangha Hall Gym)

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

Tuesday, July 15 (Sangha Hall Gym)

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

Thursday, July 17 (Outside around Yagura)

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

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2025 MVBT Obon Festival & Bazaar
Donations & Lanterns Sponsorships

We invite you to join the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's Annual Obon Festival & Bazaar on July 19 and 20, 2025 and participate as a supporter.

Obon is a special time to honor and remember ancestors and loved ones we have lost to show our gratitude for how they have shaped our lives.

Please purchase customized Digital Lanterns and Sponsorship to commemorate the memory of your ancestors and lost loved ones. Digital Lanterns and Sponsor Names are available on the MVBT Obon Website through May of next year.

Your donations not only help to support the Obon Lantern program, but also helps MVBT's operational expenses, educational programs and affiliated organizations.

DONATIONS

You can make donation on the "Support MVBT Obon" webpage. Go to:

https://obon.mvbuddhisttemple.org/donate/

DEADLINES

Digital Dedication Lanterns and Donations may be made until **July 23, 2025**.

QUESTIONS?

For the most updated information about this year's Obon Festival & Bazaar, please check the latest edition of Putra's Post or our website at:

https://obon.mvbuddhisttemple.org

If you have any additional questions, please send an email to

obon@mvbuddhisttemple.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

In Gassho,
Zones 3 & 11
Obon Festival & Bazaar Committee

STANDARD LANTERNS

$25 Each. Up to 2 names or 50 characters per digital lantern

BECOME A MVBT OBON FESTIVAL DONOR

If you would like to donate $100 or more, we invite you to join us as an Obon sponsor.
In appreciation for your support, we offer the following additional benefits:

Lotus

$100 to $499

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

Sakura

$500 to $999

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

Wisteria

$1000 to $2500

Wisteria-decorated lanterns (unlimited)
Small logo on website

Chrysanthemum

$2500 and above

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

Order your 2025 Limited Edition MVBT Obon T-shirt!

Pre-orders due June 22. All pre-ordered shirts will be discounted to $22 each. A limited number of shirts will be available for purchase at the Obon Festival at an increased price. Order online at:

https://form.jotform.com/MVBuddhist/2025-mvbt-obon-t-shirt

(or access the link in Putra's Post)

Pre-ordered T-shirts will be distributed at Odori
Practices on Tuesday 7/15 & Thursday 7/17!

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.

PHOTOS LEFT: Flower Shop at 2019 Obon Festival & Bazaar

June & July Monthly Memorial Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for June & July was held on Sunday, June 1

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The next Shotsuki Hoyo will be held on September 7 for loved ones who passed away in August and September.

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

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Events

August 23, 2025, Saturday

- Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament & Banquet

Sept 7, 2025, Sunday

- Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September
- Dharma School Resumes

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**

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