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September Highlights

- **9/7 Sun, 10:00 am**
  - * *Dharma School resumes*
  - * *Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September*
- **9/14, Sun, 10:00 am**
  - * *Fall Ohigan Service*
  - * *Guest Speaker: Rev. Devon Matsumoto*
  - * *Seminar following Refreshments*
- **9/28, Sun, 10:00 am**
  - * *Sangha Day Picnic at Sangha Hall & Patio*

Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

We recognize and celebrate our graduating High School Seniors by printing their Dharma Talks.
In this issue, Danica Lim, Bradley Aquino & Miya Kosakura.
Olivia Wang & Marcus Wang can be found in the June issue.
Jillian Higa, Lacey Armistead & Michael Hom in the July issue.

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened"

By Danica Lim

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." My Senior Class chose this quote for our class motto.

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." This past year, I've experienced many overs. Like my last football game under the Friday night lights. My last school bell ringing in my ears. My last goodbyes to teachers who became my mentors. My last moments with my fellow classmates that might become strangers in the next couple of years. Yet each ending was delivered with a gift of a memory. This senior year was filled with a bittersweet feeling as many of us don't want to face the fact that we're ending what seemed like such an important chapter of our lives, and moving on to the next.

When we were younger, high school seemed like a distant dream.

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Buddhism vs. Connor

By Bradley Aquino

When considering who the GOAT of basketball is, people will usually name players such as LeBron, Jordan, or even Kobe Bryant. But there's always one player who's unfairly left out of this debate. That being the greatest point guard to ever grace the Golden State Warriors, Pat Spencer.

Unsurprisingly, I actually have a lot in common with Pat; we're both insanely good at Lacrosse and basketball, both ruggedly handsome, and can both grow a pretty mean mustache. Now, most people may disagree with me when I say Pat Spencer is the greatest player to ever touch a basketball, but I'll always know there's one person who has my back on this controversial opinion. And that person is Connor Sato.

I've known Connor for who

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Growing Up: Looking on Both Sides

By Miya Kosakura

Good Morning, Everyone!

My name is Miya Kosakura, and I'm thrilled to be here today. I still remember sitting in the preschool class, watching the Seniors give their speeches, so it's hard to believe that today, I'm the one standing up here.

As some of you may know, I'm the youngest of three sisters. Growing up, I was often the one tagging along to their activities and wearing hand-me-down clothes. But being the youngest came with its perks: getting my way more often than not, having access to my sisters' old homework and projects, and, most importantly, having a lifetime supply of advice.

Of course, my sisters also set the bar high. They played basketball, joined ASB, started taiko, and so naturally I followed in their footsteps. But I didn't do these things just because they did; I genuinely

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day **7p-8:30p** Buddhist Discussion Group	**2** **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	**3** **6p-9p** Boy Scouts	**4** **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**5** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**6**
7 **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	**8** **1p-3p** Senior Activities Committee Meeting	**9** **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	**10** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts **7:30p-9:30p** MVBT Board Meeting	**11** Patriot Day **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**12** **6p-10p** ABA General Meeting **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**13** **9a-12p** BWA Meeting **9a-8p** Bonbu JAMS Concert Event (3:00 - 5:00 pm)
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28 **10a-2p** Sangha Day Picnic **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**29** **7:30p-8:30p** RPC Meeting	**30** **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				

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

Religious Planning — September 2025

September 7, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September

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

September 8, 2025, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Zoom Meeting

- To join, send email to staff@mvbuddhisttemple.org

September 14, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Fall Ohigan Service

Fall O-higan: Higan, meaning Other Shore, is a service conducted in the fall on or about the verna equinox. The practice of the Six Paramitas is emphasized on this occasion

Guest Speaker: Rev. Devon Matsumoto, Kyoshi Minister at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple

- 12:30 pm: Seminar in Board Room following refreshments

September 21, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service

September 28, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sangha Day Picnic, In-Person

- Sangha Hall & Patio
- All Temple members and friends are invited

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 **Study Class** **Dharma School - 11:00 am**

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

2025 150 Club News

The winners for July, August and September will be chosen at the September 2025 Board meeting.

Thank you for participating in the 150 Club.

Stay safe!

150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent to Sangha
SEPT	Toban 8 & 9	N / A	N / A
OCT	Toban 10 & 11	Sept 12 (Fri)	Sept 17 (Wed)
NOV	Toban 12 & 13	Oct 10 (Fri)	Oct 15 (Wed)

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 .

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened" — Cont'd

DANICA LIM

Homestead High School 2025

Bound for De Anza College

Majoring in Graphic Communications

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An era of adulthood, where life is on cloud 9. But now that I've reached this finish line, I've come to realize how fast the time flies by and that high school is filled with ups and downs, friendships, and growth.

I joined YBA my freshman year with high expectations. Having an older sibling in YBA only motivated me because I saw all the relationships, experiences, and free food she would get. Although I was already familiar with the Temple because of the countless Tri-City events, Nakayoshi Gakko, and Obon Festivals I had attended, I still had knots in my stomach. I still remember walking into the Hondo, mirroring the peers around me. They bowed, so I bowed. They put their hands together in Gassho, so I put my hands together in Gassho. They opened the service book pretending to chant, so I opened the service book pretending to chant. Here comes the best part. "We will now do Oshoko, which is the offering of incense." I was freaking out trying to figure out the pattern.

> Bow, step forward, pinch incense, bow, step back, bow again.

I was so worried about doing it wrong that I couldn't sit straight. It wasn't until the person next to me noticed how nervous I was and whispered in my ear. "Don't worry, it doesn't have to be perfect." I had this instant feeling of relief, and I knew I was in good hands.

Like many members before me have said, YBA is not just a community, but a family. I've been welcomed with kind and respectful members, mentored by the wisest and sweetest advisors. I've been raised with people who allow me to be myself, and children who remind me how fortunate it is to grow up in this Temple. YBA has taught me lessons that I'll carry with me forever.

Although this chapter is closing, the lessons, friendships, and wisdom I've gained will continue to appear in my story.

> To my fellow YBA members, past and present, Thank You for making this journey unforgettable.
>
> To the advisors, your patience and wisdom have shaped me in ways I'll always cherish.
>
> To the Sangha, thank you for being so welcoming and allowing me to develop into the person I am today.

My experience here has come to an end, but instead of being sad of leaving this Sangha, I'm leaving happy it happened. I'm happy to have met all you. I'm happy to listened to the countless Dharma Talks. I'm happy to have met such amazing people.

I'm not crying because it's over, but instead I'm smiling because it happened.

Thank you.

Upcoming Events

October 5, 2025, Sunday
- Shotsuki Hoyo

October 12, 2025, Sunday
- Bishops' & MVBT ABA Memorial Service

October 26, 2025, Sunday
- Dharma School Halloween Parade

November 2, 2025, Sunday
- Shotsuki Hoyo

November 16, 2025, Sunday
- Eitaikyo Service
- Keiro Kai Luncheon

Buddhism vs. Connor — Cont'd

BRADLEY AQUINO

Mountain View High School 2025

Bound for California State University at Long Beach,

Studying Pre-Design

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knows how long, but I was never really friends with him until I reached high school.

Growing up, I never really enjoyed going to Temple on Sundays. And I held this sentiment for the longest time.

After COVID, when service went back to being in person, I was eligible to join the Mountain View Buddhist Temple YBA. And like most things in my life, I didn't have much of a choice in whether or not I participated, so I went into it not all that excited. I remember my first YBA meeting, all these familiar faces, but no one I really knew knew. Minus my brother and Ryan. This stayed that way for a bit, obviously, I became well acquainted with the majority of the people there, but I never really felt like I could consider any of them my friend. That is, until one fateful day.

On December 22, 2022, Me, Connor, and Jarrett Wong had a very eventful night scrolling on TikTok. Up until that point, I would never have thought that I'd be laughing until I figuratively peed my pants, with a couple of guys from Temple. And little did I know that this night was the single catalyst for my friendship with Connor. And Jarrett, too, I guess.

From that point forward, service and YBA meetings were no longer something I dreaded going to. I still hated waking up early during my weekends, but I found comfort in the fact that Connor Sato was doing so too. Cause then we could both be in a bad mood together.

Going to service has taught me many things about Buddhism, but frankly, I believe Connor has taught me more.

For instance.

Through our countless talks, Connor has taught me the importance of impermanence, our lives are ever-changing, and whenever I'd annoy Connor about my Girl troubles, he'd tell me that this pain was purely temporary and I shouldn't be so hung up on it.

Our constant laughs and jokes have taught me right mindfulness. I cherish every reel, every TikTok, and every inside joke shared between the two of us.

Whenever we play Fortnite together, it helps reinstate the teaching of how life is suffering, fueled with constant pain and frustration. But said suffering can be extinguished through the elimination of selfishness. And Connor is anything but that while playing Fortnite. Through our impeccable, selfless teamwork, we can win at least one in every 20 games we play.

Through my friendship with Connor, he's indirectly pushed me to become a better Buddhist by subliminally teaching me Buddhist principles.

When Connor was a senior, I remember how sad I was when he was headed off to college. Knowing that I'd now be the only funny person left in YBA, and how I'll no longer be able to see one of my best friends every Sunday. Now that I, too, am going off to college, I am again saddened, as I know everyone in YBA, especially Jeremy, will miss my presence just as much as I missed Connor's.

But I now know that this sadness is temporary, and that there are brighter days ahead. That's impermanence.

If it weren't for YBA and the Temple, I wouldn't have been able to be gifted with knowing the Connor Sato. As well as the other countless friendships I was able to create.

Thank you, everyone, for everything over the past 18 years, thank you, Connor, for being one of the best friends I could've ever asked for. I could've made this speech more sentimental but I suck at writing.

And lasty. I'd like to thank Pat Spencer. You are truly an inspiration to young boys like me, the way you effortlessly played during the playoffs and was nothing short of perfect basketball. If the Warriors ever trade, they are the worse franchise in NBA history.

Thank you.

Growing Up: Looking on Both Sides — Cont'd

MIYA KOSAKURA

Monta Vista High School 2025

Bound for University of California at Berkeley

Studying Molecular and Cell Biology

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found joy in them. Their presence gave me the freedom to discover my individuality, knowing I didn't have to fit a mold, but could grow into my own person while still being shaped by their example.

One of the most special parts of that journey was getting to play two years of high school basketball with my sister Emi. From car rides to practices, to game-day nerves and post-game bickering, her presence was always a constant source of comfort, especially in moments of stress or self-doubt. It's an invaluable experience to share the court with your sister; there's something particularly special about that bond on the floor that can't be replicated, and that is something I'm so lucky to have experienced.

More than anything, my sisters have been my biggest role models, my #1 source of inspiration. Watching them tackle obstacles head-on, balancing school, sports, and friendships with poise and grace, taught me what it means to lead with humility and resilience. To go off to college and enter adulthood with that same mentality, accomplishing so much more, is what I admire. Having these examples during my most developing years has significantly shaped who I've grown to today.

Growing up with older sisters taught me so much about what it means to learn from those ahead of you, to look up to someone and grow because of their guidance. But through this Temple, I had the rare opportunity to experience the other side of that relationship.

I've been fortunate enough to get to know some of the current 4th Graders here, starting when they were tiny, shy 2nd Graders in Nakayoshi Gakko as I was their Senpai. Since then, I've watched them grow, not only in height, but in confidence, curiosity, and personality. I also had the chance to help coach the girls' Tri-City basketball team over the past two years (thank you, Coach Ricky and Coach Jerome) and it's been incredibly rewarding to see them develop both as players and as people.

As I was in their shoes at one point, so many of my friendships are rooted in these activities during these formative years. I've been playing basketball against some of these graduates here today from 2nd Grade CYS/Tri-City days, all the way to our High School teams today, and to be friends and interconnected with them for so many years is such a gratifying feeling. To see this next group of kids do the same seems like a full circle moment, and I'm so grateful to have been part of their journey.

Stepping into this older role, I was the one offering advice, sharing what I'd learned, and this role reversal allowed me to grow, and find another sense of purpose. And honestly, these younger kids became a vital part of my high school years. Every weekend at practices or games, these kids provided a sense of relief, and a break from the chaos and stress of school and extracurriculars. Their energy, humor, and creativity constantly reminded me to take things less seriously, to have fun, and to stay present. I'm indebted to their contagious smiles, random jokes, and silliness. Even during the stressful time of college app season, they were the ones telling me to stop procrastinating and "just get it done."

As someone who's always been the youngest, stepping into this new role taught me that guidance and inspiration aren't just passed down, but rather can be shared in every direction. We all depend on each other, no matter older or younger in age, we each offer reliance and a shoulder to lean on in some way, shape, or form.

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple is a live example of interdependence, how we all rely on each other in some way somehow, creating who we are today. We are all interconnected, placing mutual dependence on everyone and everything. I wouldn't be who I am without my sisters, parents, mentors, and those who came before me; and I also wouldn't be who I am without this younger group of kids and their energetic nature. We learn across generations, promoting growth, while preserving our history and teachings. Who knew I would be tak-

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Growing Up: Looking on Both Sides — Cont'd

Miya Kosakura

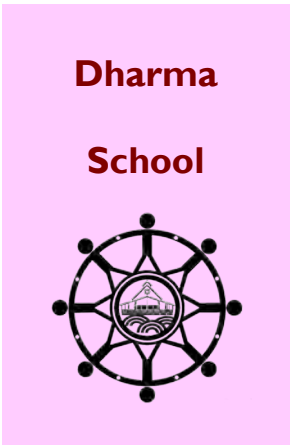
ing advice from a group of 4th Graders, but here we are!

I would like to sincerely thank the Mountain View Buddhist Temple for being a place of discovery, growth, and comfort throughout my life. From Dharma School to taiko to Nakayoshi Gakko to Obon, seeing firsthand how every person contributes something meaningful to a purpose greater than themselves is truly inspiring. The selflessness, teamwork, and uplifting nature vested in this community reflects how our lives are deeply connected and we are who we are because of the people around us.

Thank you to Alex, Cori, all the Dharma School teachers, Reverend Mukojima, and the entire Sangha. Over the years, you've given me more than Dharma Talks and service, you've given me a sense of belonging, guidance, and relationships that I'll carry with me in this next chapter and beyond that I'll forever be grateful for.

Thank you!!

Dharma School News



Summer has come to an end, and I am looking forward to seeing all of our Dharma School families when Dharma School resumes on Sunday, September 7!

Dharma School extends the core purpose of our Buddhist tradition to break down barriers for our current and future generations of young Buddhists to hear, see, and live the teachings of the Buddha with a deep-rooted belief in the *Nembutsu*, and our teachers work hard to create age-appropriate lessons on what it means to be a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist and cultivate a valuable appreciation and understanding of the Dharma. Whether a student can attend one class or one hundred classes, we would like to welcome them to learn about sharing the Dharma and to be a part of our community – please encourage your friends and family members to enroll in our Mountain View Buddhist Temple Dharma School to keep our program dynamic, diverse, and engaging.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dharma School Parents' Meeting

The Dharma School Parents' Meeting will be held immediately after service on September 7 while the students are in their classes. We will provide an overview of the Dharma School program and hold sign-ups for the volunteer roles needed in the 2025-26 academic year.

We Need You!

Please sign up for volunteer activities that are needed throughout the year. We will detail the opportunities as part of the Parents' Meeting.

Dharma School Welcome Back Lunch

The Dharma School will host a Welcome Back Lunch on Sunday, September 14. **Ricky Chu** will be coordinating sign-ups for side dishes. Stay tuned!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Obon

Special thanks goes to **Janell Tao** and **Cheryl Shay** for chairing the Duck Pond and Grab Bag booths. Thank you to **Aly Makishima** for coordinating the Dharma School displays, and **Cindy Hiroshige** and **Janell Tao** for coordinating and preparing the post-Obon volunteer dinner. And a big Thank You to all of the Dharma School families who volunteered throughout Obon and supported our Temple community! Obon really brings everyone together, to support one another and our Temple community, and it's a tangible example of interconnectedness and interdependence.

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Buddhist Women's Association Activities

Obon – Chi Chi Dango

Thank you to our BWA members and friends for their help with our inaugural year for making "chi chi dango" for this year's Obon.

Everyone worked hard and had fun. And, we all got to eat the trimmed off edges too.

Thank you to Marilyn Amistead and Margie Nishimoto for managing the new Sangha Snacks booth and selling the chi chi dango. At $5 a bag, our scrumptious chi chi dango was a sold out hit.

In Gassho,
Shirley Matsumoto
BWA President

Buddhist Women's Association

Below: Making the Chi-Chi Dango at the Temple

MVBT YBA News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

YBA in Maui

Maui Trip in July

Thank you to all of the Temple members for supporting our YBA's fundraisers this year! This trip wouldn't have been made possible without the support of our Sangha.

Our members had an amazing time traveling to Maui, and getting to sightsee with our advisors was an unforgettable experience. We had a wonderful time eating lots of food, hiking, and learning about how Obon is celebrated in Maui.

Obon

Running the Polish Dog Booth at Obon was a great success this year.

Thank you to everyone who purchased Polish Dogs at the Obon Festival!

Our members also had a great time helping hang signs, set up booths, and hang lanterns.

Summer Coast District Activity - Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

YBA attended the Coast District Activity for this summer, held at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. It was a great way for members to catch up with each other before the first meeting and make the most of the summer weather!

In Gassho,
Emi Hirabayashi
2025 - 2026 YBA President

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

Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) News

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

Past Activities

After our monthly meeting on July 11, **Scott Hirotsu** graciously offered to sharpen knives for those ABA members that brought their knives.

For the MVBT Obon Festival & Bazaar on July 19-20, ABA sold Chicken Teriyaki and Spam Musubi with success led by the organized leadership from **Steve Tsuchida**.

Upcoming Activities

On Friday, August 22, ABA will be attending the San Jose Giants game and fireworks show.

Also, some ABA members will be helping with the Sasaki Golf Tournament and Dinner on Saturday, August 23.

BCA Bishops' and ABA Memorial Service

Looking ahead, please Save The Date of October 12, for the BCA Bishops' and ABA Memorial Service. The guest speaker will be **Sensei Koichi Mizushima.** He is a Minister's Assistant at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento and the Youth Program Coordinator at the BCA Center for Buddhist Education.

Sensei Koichi Mizushima

Consider Joining ABA

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

Next Meeting

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

In Gassho,
Ken Nakano
ABA President

Miroku

Obon Festival & Bazaaar

Thank you to everyone who helped in the Flip the Brick (aka Shooting Gallery) booth at Obon this year. A huge Thank You to Hideki Hirabayashi for organizing and operating the booth throughout both days of Obon!

New School Year and Welcoming New Members

Now that the new school year is upon us, Miroku will hold its first General Meeting in September. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 14, at noon.

All Middle School students that are 6th through 8th Grade are welcome to join Miroku.

At this meeting we will give a brief introduction as to what Miroku is all about and what we do. We will also have a parent meeting.

What is Miroku?

If you are interested in learning more about Miroku, please contact any of the advisors.

In Gassho,
Janell Tao,
Christine Hirabayashi, and Kim Tsuchida
Outgoing Miroku Parent Advisors

Jadine Yee, Kelsey Nakano, and Stephanie Mori
Incoming Miroku Parent Advisors

MIROKU

middle school group

"Crooked Tree" Commemorative Plaque Installed

The "Crooked Tree" plaque was installed on a rock under the Cook Pine Tree on August 16, 2025.

The plaque commemorates its planting by Gomonshu Ohtani and Lady Ohtani of the Kyoto Nishi Hongwanji, who visited our Temple in 1964.

In the 60 years since its planting, the tree has taken firm hold in the ground and the branches have extended high and wide into the sky as if to encourage us to earnestly follow the Nembutsu Path.

It was a wish of the late **Richard Endo** to commemorate the tree so that current and future MVBT members know the importance of the tree to our Temple's heritage.

In Gassho,
Family & Friends of Richard Endo

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

Senior Activities

Resuming Thursday Seniors After Summer Break

Thursday, September 11: Welcome back to another eventful year of getting together during our Thursday Senior Activities and Craft program. We try to make every Thursday a fun and enjoyable gathering. We have in our program Line Dancing, Card Playing choices, Rhythm Exercise, Sing Along and Taiko.

Everyone is invited to join in on making new friends and renew old friends.

Thursday, October 16: We have something special and new, from our guest, Judy Bigot. Create and select a picture of your choice using a layered colored pencil. Something new on making your own artwork. Everyone is welcome to learn some work of art.

Lunch will be provided at 11:30 am and following at 12:30 pm, you can do your work art. Please join us.

Senior Cookbooks

The Senior Cook Book is still available. It can be purchased from our committee member or at the Temple office. The price is $10, which makes for a nice gift.

Senior Craft:

The Craft program starts at 9:00 am and ends at 12:00 pm. Please join in on the craft program when we resume on Thursday, September 12. Everyone is welcome.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

SAVE THE DATE
SANGHA DAY PICNIC

DATE: Sunday, September 28, 2025
LOCATION: Sangha Hall and Patio, MVBT

All Temple members and their families are invited.

Come for food and fun (games for all ages). Enjoy the day eating, playing games, renewing friendships, making new friends or just plain relaxing!

Look for more details in upcoming issues of Putra's Post.

COME JOIN THE FUN !!!

With Gassho,
Sangha Day Picnic Committee
Zone 6 & 7

Keiro Kai Luncheon Following Eitaikyo Service

Come join us in celebrating and honoring our Seniors

SAVE THE DATE

Keiro Kai Luncheon
Sunday, November 16, 2025

Keiros will be receiving a letter in the mail. Be sure to RSVP.

Temple members are encouraged to join us for lunch. We'll include bento order instructions for non-Keiros in upcoming Echo Newsletters and Putra's Post.

In Gassho,
Keiro Kai Committee
Zone 2 & 10

MVBT President's Message: MVBT Obon

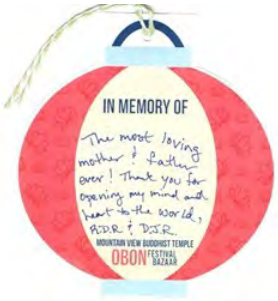
What topic could we discuss other than Obon?

Every year, the community comes together to plan, construct, create, cook, share, dance, play, and celebrate. The dedicated leadership and volunteering that are essential to Obon are always impressive to experience.

This year in particular, we were creative and explored new ideas, including corporate sponsorship and exciting new food items. While we shift and grow, we continue to honor our values and prioritize building community while fundraising for the temple.

Rev. Candice Shibata delivered a powerful message at the Hatsubon Service inviting our ancestors to return home to be remembered and celebrated.

In that spirit, it is no surprise that one of our main Obon fundraising sources is the virtual lanterns that donors dedicate to their loved ones who have passed. Additionally, we created a small memorial wall where attendees could hang lanterns during Obon itself. These opportunities appear to strike a chord with new and returning Obon attendees and many heartfelt dedications were displayed online and in person (including the lantern pictured here).



I would like to express my deep appreciation for all of our Sangha and extended community whose labor and attendance bring MVBT Obon to life every year.

In Gratitude,
Julie Satake Ryu
MVBT President

Thank you from the Homecraft Booth

Thank You for Your Donations and Volunteering

A warm Thank You to everyone who contributed to the Homecraft Booth for this year's Obon Festival & Bazaar! Your generous donations—including aprons, totes, dish towels, yukata and more—helped make for a successful booth.

We truly appreciate the time, dedication, care, and creativity you put into every item.

Your support helped create a vibrant, welcoming space that many visitors enjoyed.

In Gassho,
The Homecraft Booth Committee

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August & September

Monthly

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Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September will be held on Sunday, September 7

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See MVBT Website or Putra's Post for details

August & September 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 **August & September** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Kent Abe	**Itsume Kawamoto**	**Chiyo Ozawa**
George Abey	**Shina Kinaga**	**Edna Ozawa**
Jean Abey	**John Hiro Kariya**	**Haruno Saito**
Kazuo Abey	**Sumiye Kito**	**Harry Sakae**
Thomas Arakaki	**Albert Kobayashi**	**Warren Sakae**
Kiyoko Arao	**Toshio Kochi**	**Kitao Sakai**
Takanori Arao	**John Kondo**	**Miyuki Sakano**
Masataro Fujii	**Doris Kuboyama**	**Fumie Satake**
Helen Fukuma	**Kazuo Kurashige**	**James Satake**
Masao Fukumoto	**Chiyomi Masuda**	**Shimano Satake**
Dorothy Furuichi	**Helen Matsuba**	**George M. Sato**
Masuo Hamada	**Haru Matsuzaki**	**Koma Shinke**
Hiroshi Haruta	**Kazuo Mayeda**	**Hisayo Shinta**
Mary Haruta	**Yoshino Miyamoto**	**Nancy Irene Smith**
Isamu Higa	**Keiko Mizuhara**	**Susan Haruta Stokes**
Ronald Higaki	**Kiyoko Muranaka**	**Hiroshi Sugimoto**
Shoko Hirabayashi	**Kakuemon Nagasaki**	**Sam Sugimoto**
Akira Hiroshige	**John Nagatoishi**	**Dora Suzuki**
Matsujiro Hiroshige	**Toshio Nakagawa**	**George Takaki**
Minoru Hiroshige	**Edward Nakano**	**Michiko Takehara**
Shizue Hiroshige	**Tokiko Nakano**	**Kazuko Tashiro**
Takeshi Hori	**Janice Nakashima**	**June Tokunaga**
Minoru Horino	**Magoji Nakashima**	**Jack Tsuchida**
Edith Hoshi	**Allan Nara**	**Nobuko Tsuchida**
Aya Ichinaga	**Alice Nishimura**	**Hiro Tsukimura**
Michiyo Dora Iguchi	**Tomisaburo Oda**	**Yukiye Watanabe**
Misaye Ikebe	**Frank Ogata**	**Rosie Yamaji**
George Ikemiya	**Shizue Ogata**	**Tom Yamaji**
Akira Inamori	**Iyano Ogawa**	**Noriko Yanaba**
Gregory Inamori	**Chieko Okamoto**	**Akio Yamamoto**
Atsushi Inouye	**Mineko Okamoto**	**Yumi Yokoo**
Kiyoye Inouye	**Stanley Okamura**	**Ray Yokoyama**
Asa Ishimaru	**Alfred Okubo**	**Totaro Yoshida**
Satoshi Ishimaru	**Tsuyo Okumura**	**Kenneth Yoshikawa**
George Izumi	**Albert Okuno**	**Reiko Yoshimoto**
Kimiko Kashima	**Kin'ichi Okuno**	
Shigeo Kashima	**Toshiko Okuno**	

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

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 **6p-9p** Boy Scouts	**2** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**3** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**4** **9a-12p** BWA Meeting
5 **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	**6** **7p-8:30p** Buddhist Discussion Group	**7** **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	**8** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts **7:30p-9:30p** MVBT Board Meeting	**9** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**10** **6p-10p** ABA General Meeting **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**11**
12 **10a-12p** Bishops' & MVBT ABA Memorial Service & Dharma School **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**13 Columbus Day** **1p-3p** Senior Activities Committee Meeting	**14** **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	**15** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**16** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**17** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**18**
19 **10a-12p** Sunday Service & Dharma School **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**20**	**21** **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	**22** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**23** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**24** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**25**
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Upcoming Events

October 5, 2025, Sunday

- Shotsuki Hoyo Service

October 12, 2025, Sunday

- Bishops' & MVBT ABA Memorial Service

October 26, 2025, Sunday

- Dharma School Halloween Parade

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