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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

October Highlights

- ***10/5, Sun, 10:00 am***
  October Shotsuki Hoyo, Hybrid
  * *11:00 am Japanese Language Service*
  * *11:00 am English Language Discussion*
- ***10/6, Monday, 7:00 pm***
  Buddhist Discussion Group
- ***10/12, Sunday, 10:00 am***
  BCA Bishops' & ABA Members Memorial Service

  Guest Speaker:
  Sensei Koichi Mizushima
  * *No Seminar*
- ***10/26, Sunday, 10:00 am***
  * *Dharma School Halloween Parade*

The Nembutsu Is Not For Making Wishes

Missed Going to Disneyland

My son is currently a member of his school's band, where he plays the alto saxophone. I am biased as his parent, but he is quite skilled and performs in the advanced group. Each Spring, the band performs at Disneyland as part of a school program, and this year for the first time my son was able to participate. To help cover his travel expenses, he participated in a cookie dough sale fundraiser. Many members of our Sangha kindly supported this effort, and my son was thrilled to have raised the most of anyone in the band.

Rev. Yushi Mukojima

Before the trip, my son was bursting with excitement. He packed his suitcase to the brim and asked his mother to buy his favorite Japanese snacks to share with his close friends. His anticipation was clear in every detail of his preparations. But three days before departure, he fell ill. On the day of the trip, his fever and cough had not subsided and he had no choice but to miss it. Seeing him quietly cry alone in bed, after looking forward to the journey for so long, was truly heartbreaking for us as parents. On top of that, knowing that he could not participate in the trip despite the generous donations from our Temple members that had helped fund the trip, made us feel deeply sorry.

Since the pandemic, my son's personality changed significantly. He used to be outgoing and loved running and playing with his friends, but the long period of staying at home seemed to make him withdrawn. Even after school returned to normal, he rarely spoke with friends and often ate lunch alone. At Dharma School, he no longer ran around the Temple grounds with his Dharma friends as he once had. My wife and I were deeply concerned about this change. However, through school band activities and taiko practice at the Temple, he gradually began

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

Religious Planning — October 2025

October 5, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo

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

October 6, 2025, Monday, 7:00 pm, Buddhist Discussion Group, Zoom Meeting

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

October 12, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, BCA Bishops' & ABA Memorial Service

We take this opportunity to remember the past BCA Bishops and past MVBT ABA members who have crossed into the Pure Land.

Guest Speaker: **Sensei Koichi Mizushima,** Minister's Assistant at the Buddhist Church of Sacramento and the Youth Program Coordinator at the BCA Center for Buddhist Education

No Seminar following Service

October 19, 2025, Sunday, No Sunday Service at MVBT

Coast District Nembutsu Family Conference at Buddhist Church of Salinas

October 25, 2025, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service

Halloween Parade by Dharma School

JOIN US

Sunday Services are on Zoom. These Hybrid Services allow the Sangha to attend the service in person or on Zoom.
The Link to the Zoom Livestream can be found on Putra's Post that is emailed before the service.

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

Support Your Temple

Donations are 1/3 of the Yearly Operating Income

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Fall Ohigan / Bishops' & ABA Memorial

Eitaikyo Memorial / Keiro Kai / Bodhi Day

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

(1) Use the MVBT online "DONATE" or

(2) Send a check to the Temple office

The Nembutsu Is Not For Making Wishes — Cont'd

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reconnecting with friends and becoming much brighter. When we finally saw him smiling again both at school and at Dharma School, we felt a profound sense of relief. That is why missing this trip was so heart-breaking for him.

The night before the trip, I saw my wife quietly reciting the Nembutsu in front of the Obutsudan, the family altar. When I asked her what was happening, she replied, "I was asking Amida Buddha and your late mother as well to please let our son recover and be able to go on the trip." I instinctively said, "Nembutsu isn't meant for making wishes. And my mom doesn't have that kind of power, so if you ask her for this, she would be troubled." But as I reflected on my wife's deep, motherly concern for our son, I realized it was only natural that her Nembutsu would also carry her heartfelt wish.

As a Jodo Shinshu minister, I have always told our Sangha that the Nembutsu is an expression of gratitude for Amida Buddha's Primal Vow. We don't use it as a way to express our personal wishes. Yet even though my wife fully understood this, her deep concern for our son instinctively led her to include her deeply personal wish in her Nembutsu. Her words reflected the heartfelt desire of a parent who was also clinging to Amida Buddha, like grasping at a straw.

Nembutsu of Other-Power

There was a similar episode in Shinran's life. When he was 42 years old, he witnessed widespread famine that caused many agonizing deaths. He initially resolved to chant the Three Pure Land Sutras (the Larger Sutra, the Contemplation Sutra and the Amida Sutra) a thousand times as a vow to save as many people as possible. However, no matter how much he pitied and sympathized with these suffering people, the fact remained that his chanting could not save them from famine. Once he fully realized this fact, he immediately stepped away from the practice and instead began a deep reflection of his own delusion.

Shinran looked deeply into himself and realized that he still held the mistaken belief that he could use the merit of sutra recitation and the Nembutsu to quell natural disasters, cure disease, and save people from harm. In Jodo Shinshu, such a delusion is called self-power calculation. When he began chanting the Three Pure Land Sutras, he was no longer a Nembutsu follower relying on Other Power (Amida Buddha), but had instead become one who depended on his own practices, such as incantations and prayers. This experience must have been a profound awakening for Shinran, impressing upon him just how difficult it is to let go of self-power calculation.

The Nembutsu is the very embodiment of Amida Buddha's Primal Vow - the precious calling directed to us by Amida Buddha, who promised to unfailingly guide all beings to enlightenment. When each of us responds by reciting Namo Amida Butsu, it is clearly the Nembutsu of gratitude for that boundless compassion. The Three Pure Land Sutras are what reveal in detail the Nembutsu and Amida Buddha's supreme vow.

Even though it was out of concern for our child, seeing my wife place her own wishes in the precious Nembutsu, almost like performing a prayer, gave me a renewed opportunity to reflect deeply on the teaching of the Nembutsu of Other-Power.

Disneyland Next Year

Unfortunately, our son was unable to join this year's trip. However, his friends, thinking of him, pooled their allowances to buy him souvenirs at Disneyland. They even went out of their way to deliver them to our home. Their kind gesture gave our son great encouragement and helped him regain his spirits. Seeing him rejoice at their thoughtfulness and express his gratitude to them, my wife and I were deeply moved and uplifted by his growth and bright smile.

Next year, the band's performance at Disneyland is scheduled again. That will be our son's first and last band trip. We believe he will again approach it with a heart full of joy, having been supported by the kindness of others throughout this year's experiences. Should there be a fundraising activity like last year, we would be most grateful for your continued support.

In Gassho,

マウンテンビュー仏教会「回向」
二〇二五年十月法話

ー お念仏は願掛けにあらず ー

駐在開教使 向嶋裕史

現在、私の息子は学校でバンド部に所属し、アルトサックスを担当しています。親の私が言うのも何ですが腕前もなかなかで、上級グループで演奏しています。そのバンド部は毎年春先にディズニーランドで演奏するプログラムがあり、今年は息子が初めて参加できることになりました。旅費を集めるために昨年はクッキー販売の募金活動を行い、多くの仏教会の門徒の皆さんが快く協力してくださり、息子は部内で最も多くの寄付を集められたことを大変喜んでいました。

旅行を前にした息子は、母に頼んで大好きな日本のお菓子を買ってもらい、仲良しのルームメイトと分け合うためにキャリーケースいっぱいに詰め込んでいました。その姿から、どれほど旅行を楽しみにしているかがひしひしと伝わってきました。ところが出発三日前から体調を崩し、当日になっても熱と咳が治まらず、泣く泣く参加を断念せざるを得ませんでした。あれほど心待ちにしていただけに、一人ベッドで静かに涙を流す姿を見るのは、親として本当に辛いことでした。ましてや仏教会の皆さまから温かいご寄付をいただきながら、実際に旅行に参加できなかったことは大変申し訳なく、心苦しい思いでいっぱいでした。

実は息子はパンデミック以降、性格が大きく変わってしまいました。以前は人懐っこく、友達と駆け回って遊ぶのが大好きだったのですが、長い自宅生活の影響か、次第に塞ぎ込むようになり、学校が通常に戻ってからも友人とあまり話さなくなり、昼食も一人で過ごすことが多くなりました。ダルマスクールでもかつてのように友達と境内を走り回ることがなくなってしまったのです。その様子を見て私たち夫婦は深く心配していましたが、学校でのバンド活動やお寺の太鼓練習を通じて少しずつ友達との交流を取り戻し、再び学校やダルマスクールで笑顔が見られるようになったときには、大きな安堵を覚えました。それだけに今回の旅行を逃したことは、残念で悔やまれる出来事でした。

旅行の前夜、妻が仏壇の前で静かにお念仏を称えている姿を目にしました。理由を尋ねると、「阿弥陀さまと、あなたのお母さんに、どうかあの子が元気になって旅行に行けますようにとお願いしていた」と答えました。私はつい、「お念仏は願掛けのためではないだろう。ましてや亡き母にそんな力はないから、頼まれても困っているよ」と口にしてしまいましたが、母として息子を思う切実な気持ちを考えると、願いがこもってしまうのも無理のないことだと感じました。

私は浄土真宗の僧侶として「お念仏は阿弥陀仏のご本願に応える報恩感謝の称名で、願掛けにあらず」とご門徒に伝えてきました。しかし妻もそのことを理解していながら、我が子を思う一心で、つい自分の願いを交えてしまったのでしょう。その姿には、親としての切なる願いと、阿弥陀さまに身を寄せたい気持ちが素直に表れていたのだと思います。

親鸞聖人も四十二歳の頃、世に飢饉が広まり、多くの人々が亡くなっていく悲惨な光景を目の当たりにされました。その時、聖人は「せめて一人でも多くの人をこの苦しみから救いたい」と願い、浄土三部経を千部読誦する行を誓われました。しかし、どれほど人々を憐れみ、痛ましく思っても、読経によって飢饉に苦しむ人々を救うことはできません。その事実が、聖人の心に深い反省を促し、自ら立てられた三部経千部読誦の行を途中で断念させたのです。

聖人は、自らの心の奥底に「読経や念仏の功徳によって天災や病を鎮め、人々を助けたい」という自力のはからいが生じていることを厳しく見つめられました。三部経読誦を始めたとき、他力の念仏者ではなく、加持祈祷に頼る自力修行の念仏者となってしまっていたのです。その出来事は、親鸞聖人にとって「自力のはからいの心を捨てることがいかに難しいか」を思い知らされる大きな体験であったに違いありません。

お念仏は阿弥陀仏のご本願の結晶であり、すべての者を必ず悟りへと導くと誓われた阿弥陀仏から私たちに向けられた尊い呼び声です。そして、阿弥陀仏の誓いを受けた私たち一人ひとりが称える「南無阿弥陀仏」は、その大いなる功徳に対する報恩感謝のお念仏にほかなりません。そのお念仏の教えを説いているのが、浄土三部経（『大経』『観経』『小経』）なのです。

いくら我が子のためとはいえ、その尊いお念仏に自分の願いを託して祈るような妻の姿は、私自身に改めて他力念仏の教えを深く考える機会を与えてくれたように思います。

息子は残念ながら今年の旅行には参加できませんでしたが、友人たちが心を寄せ、お小遣いを出し合ってディズニーでお土産を買い、わざわざ自宅まで届けてくれました。その優しい心遣いに息子は大きな励ましを受け、元気を取り戻しました。そして、友人たちの思いやりを喜び、感謝の言葉を口にする姿に、私たち夫婦も息子の成長と明るい笑顔に大いに救われました。

来年もディズニーでの演奏プログラムが予定されております。息子にとっては最初で最後のバンド旅行となります。今年の経験を経て、人の優しさに支えられた喜びを胸にこの旅行に臨むことと思います。もし、昨年同様に募金活動を行うことがあれば、引き続きご協力を賜りますよう、心よりお願い申し上げます。

Perspectives from 2025 Graduating High School Seniors

We recognize and celebrate our graduating High School Seniors by printing their Dharma Talks.
In this issue, James Yoshida.

Olivia Wang & Marcus Wang can be found in the June issue.
Jillian Higa, Lacey Armistead & Michael Hom in the July issue.
Danica Lim, Bradley Aquino & Miya Kosakura in the September issue

JAMES YOSHIDA

Homestead High School 2025

Bound for De Anza College

Studying Business in Marketing

Temple = Community

By James Yoshida

Good Morning, Everyone :)

Growing up, I used to think that I was very familiar with this Temple. I always looked forward to coming to the Temple for annual Tri-City Halloween Parties, Christmas Parties, or even basketball practices and games. Aside from Tri-City, I also loved coming to this Temple for the Obon. The food and festivities always made me feel closer to my culture, and I've made so many memories and friends from these events that I still carry with me to this day. However, these past few years have shown me a different perspective to the Temple than just basketball or the Obon; but rather its community.

I began truly realizing how special this community was when I joined YBA last year as a junior. Honestly, I was pretty nervous, even though several members were already my friends and most of the other members were younger than me. However, they quickly made me realize that there was nothing to be nervous of, and welcomed me as if I'd been a part of YBA for years. It's been the center for some of my favorite memories these past few years, whether that be the conferences, camping trip, Santa Cruz trip, and I know for sure Hawaii will be up there when we go next month. Through these experiences, this community of new faces turned into a community of new friends, and made me realize how much I appreciate the YBA and its positive impact on my life. The only thing I wish I did differently was join sooner. These people led with patience as I began volunteering myself in the same community events I was once eager to attend as a little kid. With every event preparation, volunteer service, or conference, I've seen everyone work together towards a greater goal in such a unique and irreplaceable way, strengthening my own collaboration skills in the process. I found myself surrounded by a community that displayed continuous passion, kindness, and camaraderie in such an inspiring way.

In fact, I've come to realize that this involvement in YBA and the Temple has begun instilling these same values and even Buddhist lessons into my own life, whether I noticed at first or not. For example, I went from simply rehearsing the Golden Chain during every service to consciously applying its message in my everyday life. It felt like with each service, I left with a deeper appreciation and a changed perspective towards the things around me. Even at school, when we would learn about Buddhism during my mythology class, I was familiar with almost all of the topics we covered as a result of attending the services. This was when I realized that the values and teachings from each service weren't going in one ear and out the other, but instead becoming more engraved in my life.

Fortunately, I'll still be in the area for college, meaning I won't be far from this Temple and its community while I continue to carry the memories, lessons, and values that I learned along the way. With that being said, thank you all for familiarizing myself with this Temple and its community beyond basketball or Obon festivals.

Thank you.

Dharma School News

The Dharma School welcomed the new academic year on Sunday, September 7. It was nice to have everyone back! And, if you know of any family who might be interested in joining our Dharma School, please encourage them to come and experience one of our classes.

MVBT Dharma School

DHARMA SCHOOL CLASSES

The Dharma School classes for 2025-2026 are as follows:

Preschool: ..... **Curt Fukuda** and **Tracey Mukoyama**

Kindergarten and 1st Grade: ..... **Reiko Tsuchida** and **Traci Inouye**

2nd and 3rd Grades: ..... **Diane Umemoto,Toshiko Uyehara** and **Mari Ueda-Tao**

4th and 5th Grades: ..... **Joan Aoki** and **Sharon Tsukahara**

6th, 7th and 8th Grades: ..... **Carol Yonemura, Debby Inenaga** and **Mason Inouye**

High School: ..... **Alex Muselman** and **Cori Kumamoto**

We would also like to welcome our new librarians, **Emily Terada** and **Ashley Jones**.

DHARMA SCHOOL CABINET

As part of the September 7 Sunday Service, the Dharma School Cabinet was installed. The MVBT Dharma School Cabinet for 2025-2026 is:

Superintendent: ..... **Brent Izutsu**

Dharma Education Coordinator: ..... **Curt Fukuda**

Secretary: ..... **Stepanie Mori**

Treasurer: ..... **Kim Tsuchida**

Registrar: ..... **Donna Weeks**

Dharma School Communications: ..... **Ricky Chu**

Taiko Coordinator: ..... **Joy Tanaka**

From Left: Sensei John Arima, Joy Tanaka, Brent Izutsu, Curt Fukuda, Donna Weeks and & Rev. Mukojima.
Not pictured: Stepanie Mori, Kim Tsuchida & Ricky Chu

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 21: ..... 2nd and 3rd Grade Class Chairs Service

Sunday, September 28: ..... Sangha Day Picnic at Mountain View Buddhist Temple

Sunday, October 5: ..... 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Class Chairs Service

Sunday, October 19: ..... Coast District Nembutsu Family Conference in Salinas

Sunday, October 26: ..... 4th and 5th Grade Class Chairs Service; Dharma School Halloween Parade

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Welcome Back Lunch

Thank you to Ricky Chu and Jerome Ito for coordinating a Dharma School Welcome Back Lunch on Sunday, September 14!

Donation

We gratefully acknowledge **Nate Aquino** and Cindy Hiroshige for their donation **in honor of Brad Aquino's High School Graduation**.

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

MVBT YBA News

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

YBA

Hello everyone!

My name is **Emi Hirabayashi**, and I am the 2025-26 YBA President. I am super excited for the upcoming year and look forward to all future YBA events.

First YBA General Meeting for 2025-2026

YBA held its first General Meeting of the year in the High School classroom. We welcomed new members, welcomed back returning members, and reviewed the events and fundraisers we have planned for the upcoming year. Our first meeting went very well, and we are all looking forward to a great year!

Cabinet Installation

At the September 7 Sunday Service, the new YBA cabinet was installed.

In Gassho,
Emi Hirabayashi
2025-2026 YBA President

2025-2026 YBA CABINET

President:	**Emi Hirabayashi**
Vice President:	**Kylie Uyekubo**
Treasurer:	**Jeremy Tao**
Recording Secretary:	**Kendall Inouye**
Corresponding Secretary:	**Kimiko Aquino**
Religious Chair:	**Kurumi Mukojima**
Coast District Representative:	**Jill Lee**
Activities Chair:	**Ella Weeks**
Historian:	**Kaila Matsumoto**

From Left: Sensei John Arima, Kylie Uyekubo, Jeremy Tao, Kimiko Aquino, Kurumi Mukojima, Emi Hirabayashi, Ella Weeks, Jill Lee, Kaila Matsumoto & Rev. Mukojima

Not Pictured: Kendall Inouye

2025 150 Club News

Congratulations to 150 Clubs winners for the last three months:

July..... **Lori Wakil**
August..... **Victor Hernandez**
September..... **Damon & Trevor Uyehara**

Congratulations our winners.

Thank you for participating in the 150 Club!

Stay Safe!

150 Club Committee

Toban & Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Sent in Mail
OCT	Zones 10 & 11	N / A	N / A
NOV	Zones 12 & 13	Oct 10 (Fri)	Oct 15 (Wed)
DEC	Zones 2 & 3	Nov 14 (Fri)	Nov 19 (Wed)

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

ABA News

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

PAST ACTIVITIES

Knife Sharpening

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

MVBT Obon

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

San Jose Giants Game

Forty ABA members and friends on August 22, attended the San Jose Giants game and fireworks show.

Sasaki Golf Tournament

Also, some ABA members helped with the Sasaki Golf Tournament and Dinner on August 23.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

BCA Bishops' and ABA Memorial Service

Looking ahead, please Save The Date of October 12, for the BCA Bishops' and ABA Memorial Service with the articulate and charismatic speaker, **Sensei Koichi Mizushima** of the Sacramento Betsuin.

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, October 10 at 7:30 pm. (Hybrid)

In Gassho,
Ken Nakano
ABA President

Miroku

ABAR Update

For our Dana Project last year, we raised $1,250 for the Alma Bonita Animal Rescue (ABAR) in Morgan Hill. On August 31, we were able to go to ABAR and meet Sheila Murphy, one of the owners of ABAR. There, we gave her the check and fed the animals carrots! It was a fun conclusion for the project, and we feel grateful to have been able to support such a wonderful cause.

New School Year and Welcoming New Members

The new school year is upon us! On Sunday, September 14, Miroku held our first general meeting. All middle school students in Grades 6th through 8th were welcomed to join. At this meeting, we gave a brief introduction as to what Miroku is all about and what we do.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 5 after Dharma School.

Join Miroku

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

In Gassho,
Yoshi Paris
8th Grade Miroku Member

MIROKU

middle school group

ABA Memorial Service on Sunday, October 5
In Memory of Past MVBT ABA Members

Namo Amida Butsu

George Abey
Sue Abey
Robert Ariyama
Frank Bunya
Dorothy Chikasuye
Ed Chikasuye
Richard Endo
Helen Fukuma
Helen Hamasaki
Milton Hamasaki
Isamu Higa
Jean Higa
Kiku Hirota
Gary Hirotsu
Amy Imai
Robert Imai
Audrey Inouye
Yasuko Kariya
Katsuko Kochi
Dave Kawamoto
Toshiko Kawamoto
Helene Kawaye
Jim Kawaye
Doris Kuboyama
Sets Kuboyama
George Kunimoto
Taye Kurashige
Muneo Masaki
Toshiko Masaki
Richard Miyashiro
Keiko Mizuhara
Yosuke "Max" Mizuhara
Akira Morishima
Emi Morishima
George Nakano
Iwao Nakao
Jimi Nakayama
Sally Nakayama
Miki Nishimoto
Yoshio Nishimoto
Stanley Okamura
George Okashima
Sam Okimura
Lou Osato
Amy Osugi
Bill Oto
Harry Sakae
Karen Sakae
Helen Sasaki
Kinuko Sasaki
Rev. LaVerne Sasaki
Fumie Satake
Jim Satake
Frances Sawamura
Tad Sawamura
Betty Shidawara
Jim Shidawara
May Shimoguchi
Yas Shimoguchi
John Shimizu
Sam Sugimoto
Dave Takegami
Kazuko Tashiro
Ed Tsumura
Seiko Tsumura
Irene Uchiyama
Leo Uchiyama
Sumi Uyeda
Kay Uyehata
Roy Uyehata
Akio Yamamoto
Kiyoshi Yoshinaka
Henry Yusa

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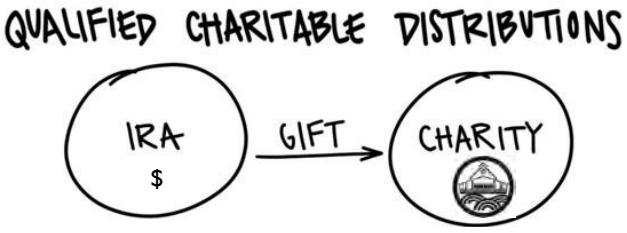
Donate from Your IRA using a QCD
Directly to the Temple and Save on Your Taxes



If you are 70 ½ years or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and receive tax benefits for yourself. QCDs can start as early as 70 ½ even though Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from your IRAs are not required until age 73.

Benefits of an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

- Satisfies part or all of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduces your taxable income, even if you are using the standard deduction
- Helps further the work and mission of Mountain View Buddhist Temple

How an IRA Charitable Rollover Gift Works

1. Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to the Temple. Your IRA administrator must make the distribution directly to the Temple.
2. Please note that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions does not qualify for a charitable deduction.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions about an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution, please contact us at treasurer@mvbuddhisttemple.org. We would be happy to assist you and answer any questions you might have.

The above information is not intended as legal or tax advice. Please contact your attorney or tax advisor for further details on making an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

Sangha Day Picnic "with Gratitude"

Sunday, September 28th: 10-1:30

Come and celebrate our SANGHA on Sangha Day by connecting with friends, making new friends, eating, playing, or just plain relaxing! This event is open to all MVBT members and their families as well as members of MVBT affiliated organizations.

The day will start at 10 am with a short service in the Hondo followed by activities and lunch in the Sangha Hall and back patio.

10 am ..... Service
11 am ..... MVBT Community Fair & children's activities
11:30 am ..... Lunch - Steak, chili, Polish dogs and hot dogs provided by MVBT
12:00 pm ..... BINGO
1:00 pm ..... Raffle
1:30 pm ..... Cleanup

Please bring a salad, rice dish, or dessert to share.
(Zone 5 and 10 bring a salad or rice dish, no desserts please)

RSVP by Friday, September 19 with the number of adults and children to your zone chair, a ffiliated organization head, or to mvbt.sangha.day.picnic@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing you there!
With Gassho,
Zone 6 & 7

Keiro-Kai Luncheon Following Eitaikyo Service

KEIRO-KAI LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Following Eitiakyo Service

The **Mountain View Buddhist Temple** and **Zones 2 and 10** will host a Keiro-Kai Luncheon in honor of our members who are over seventy years young.

This year's theme is "Kumihimo" or "Coming together." Please join us in celebrating our Keiro Kai with MVBT's spirit of appreciation and cooperation shared between our multiple generations.

Keiros will be receiving an invitation in the mail in the next couple of weeks. Be sure to RSVP by returning the RSVP form by **October 27, 2025**.

Non-keiro Temple members are encouraged to join us for lunch as well. You can also order and RSVP online via the link in upcoming Putra's Posts. Please place your order by **October 27, 2025**.

Tentative Schedule

11:30 am.....Check-in at the Sangha Hall
12:00 pm.....Lunch and Program begin
12:30 pm.....Entertainment
12:45 pm.....Raffle
1:30 pm.....Group photo. Then, program ends & clean up by non-Keiros

If you have any questions, please email Alex Muselman at alex.muselman3@gmail.com.

MVBT Caregiver News

MVBT Caregivers Mission

Provide a forum for our members and friends to gather for the purpose of sharing and learning more about caregiving.

Meet on the 3rd Monday of Each Month

Our next meeting will be via Zoom on **Monday, October 20, from 7:30pm to 8:30 pm**. Please email:

caregivers@mvbuddhisttemple.org

for Zoom login information.

During the monthly meetings, attendees are offered a place to discuss various caregiving topics and share caregiving life experiences. We also invite guest speakers based upon the group's interests.

Questions?

Please email:

caregivers@mvbuddhisttemple.org

In Gassho,

MVBT Caregivers

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**

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

Senior Activities

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. Following at 12:30 pm, you can do your work of art. Please join us.

Thursday, November 20: We will have BINGO, our most requested fun event.

Lunch will be provided at 11:30 am and BINGO will start at 12:30 pm. There are prizes to be won and lunch with your friends, a fun day for all. Everyone is welcome.

Also, with holidays soon approaching, this will be our last day for the year. Mark this date on your calendar.

Senior Cookbooks

Senior Cookbooks are still available. They can be purchased at the Temple office or through any of our committee members. The price is still $10, and makes a wonderful gift.

Senior Crafts

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

During Senior Activities, light refreshments are provided that includes coffee and tea.

Everyone is welcome.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Mochitsuki - SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, December 14

December brings many things, but most important comes our annual **Mochitsuki**. A time for one and all to get together and prepare our traditional and ever delicious MOCHI. This is an opportunity to share a timeless tradition and let our children experience a very special event.

We'll need everyone's help. Bring your family & friends and have fun while working together.

More Information Soon

Sign ups will be available closer to the event.

Be on the lookout for additional information in upcoming issues of the Echo, Putra's Post and Temple website.

Come Join the FUN!

In Gassho
Zone 5 & 13

All photos from 2024 Mochitsuki

MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

New Girl Scout Year

The Girl Scout Troop will begin their new year in September with an Investiture and Rededication Ceremony. We will be welcoming a new Daisy into our Troop!

Sangha Day Picnic

We are looking forward to hosting the Guessing Jar game at the Sangha Day Picnic on September 28.

Fall Sales

Our fall sales program for magazines, nuts and chocolate has started, and there are some new products this year! Check Putra's Post for links to order, or see any Girl Scout.

Join the Girl Scouts

If you know of a girl between the grades of Kindergarten and High School who would like to be a Girl Scout, please contact us at GScoutTroop736@gmail.com, or look for our table at the Sangha Day Picnic.

If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a Daisy (K/1st) Girl Scout leader, please contact us!

We look forward to a new year of fun activities, learning and growth.

In Gassho,
Girl Scout Troop #60736

38th ANNUAL SASAKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at the Sunnyvale Golf Course. This was the 37th Annual Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of the golfers and guests who came out to support the 2025 Sasaki Scholarship Fundraiser. The proceeds of the golf tournament fund the annual scholarship to college-bound, MVBT high school seniors.

The golf tournament had 48 golfers and the dinner was served to about 80 golfers and guests. Dinner was served in the Sangha Hall Game Room and Patio.

WINNERS

This year, there were four flights for golfers. Flights A, B & C were for men and women golfers with US Golf Association handicap indexes (low, medium and large), and Flight D was for those who do not have indexes. The low net winners for each flight and the Closet-to-the-Pin on Par 3s are listed below.

SASAKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament was created to fund the Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to college-bound, high school seniors who attended the Mountain View Buddhist Temple Dharma School and participated in other Buddhist activities.

This year's scholarship recipients were **Bradley Aquino**, **Lacey Armistead** and **Jillian Higa**. Since the first scholarship was presented in1986, seventy-two deserving high school graduates have received scholarships.

AGAIN, THANK YOU

On behalf of the Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament committee and volunteers, THANK YOU to all golfers and friends for your generosity and support!

2026 SASAKI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us at the 2026 Sasaki Memorial Golf Tournament that is planned for August 2026.

"The most important shot in golf is the next one."

See you next year.

In Gassho,
Sasaki Golf Committee and
Sasaki Memorial Scholarship Committee

	Flight A	**Flight B**	**Flight C**	Flight D		**Closet-to-the-Pin**	
1st Place	John Rivas	Cara Miyasaki	Kelly Matsuura	Perry Woo		4	May Kiyotani
2nd Place	Eric Tom	Mark Yamaguchi	Karen Machida	David Liu		7	Dylan Okuno
3rd Place	Jim Arao	Jay Shinseki	Lois Okino	Dan Rowan		13	Eric Tom
4th Place				Ricky Chu		15	Rich Yamaguma
5th Place				Gus Maseba			
6th Place				Will Dea			

October

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for October to be held on Sunday, October 5

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

October 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 **October** Shotsuki loved ones are:

Sumako (Sue) Abey
Sachi Adachi
Evelyn Arakaki
Kikue Fujii
Irene Hatsue Furuta
Mary Hayamizu
Ted Hayashida
Saburo Higa
Tad Iimura
Mooi Lian Imai
Masako Inokuchi
Fred Inouye
George Ishikawa
Hoichi Kato
Ihei Kawamoto
Mamoru Kawamoto
Takeru Kawamoto
Masakatsu Kito
Shozo Mayeda
Yachi Miyake
Yoshiaki Murakami
Lily Nakamura
Aiko Nakano
Takeno Nara
Rev. Ensei Hitoshi Nekoda
Mikiyo Nishimoto
Susan Sumiko Nishimoto
Mary Nishita
Hiroshi Obuchi
George Ogino
Toemon Ogino
Shigeto Okimoto
Kayoko Okubo
Jerry Okumura
Helen Kiok Ryu
Tsui Sakai
Hagiyo Sato
Itoju Sawamura
Yas Shimoguchi
Barbara Kikuyo Sugimoto
Drew Sugimoto
Takie Sugimoto
Dr. Ray Uchiyama
Tiny Yamaji
Fumiko Yanaba
Masayo Yokoyama
Yukiko Yonemoto
Mollie Yoshizumi

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

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

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

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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

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

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

Eitaikyo Service on Sunday, November 16

The Eitaikyo Service will be held on Sunday, November 16. The guest speaker will be **Rinban Gerald Sakamoto**, head minister of the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin.

After the service, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple will host its annual Keiro Kai Luncheon to honor the Seniors, who are MVBT members an who are 70 years old and older. A flyer is in this Echo on Page 12.

What is the Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund?

永代読経

The word *Eitaikyo* is a contraction of the more formal term, **Ei-tai dok(u)-kyo (永代読経).**

Ei means eternal. It is composed of the Chinese Characters for a river with many tributaries that flows on and on. ***Tai*** means generations. ***Kyo*** means sutras or the words of the Buddha. ***Doku*** means to read or chant. Thus the meaning of Eitaikyo is to eternally chant the sutras on behalf of our loved ones for generations and generations to come.

The Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund

A special Eitaikyo Perpetual Memorial Fund was established to ensure the continuation of the teachings of the Buddha and Nembutsu. It is to be used specifically for religious purposes such as to purchase candles and incense, religious articles, altar enhancements and altar repairs. This fund is established through the donations made in memory of deceased members of the family, relative, and friends. This ensures a perpetual service for the deceased even when there is no one left in the family to observe a Buddhist Service.

Because the purpose of Eitaikyo is to ensure that a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Service be conducted eternally in memory of a loved one, an initial substantial donation is requested to place a loved one's name in the Eitaikyo Registry. An amount of $500 or more is suggested. However, due to circumstances any amount will be considered. Please consult with the resident minister.

The Eitaikyo Registry

After completing the Eitaikyo form and donating to the Eitaikyo fund, the name of your deceased loved one will be entered into a Special Eitaikyo Registry book. This is a calendar type book listing the deceased names on the day of death. This book is kept in the Mountain View Buddhist Temple's altar. Each day, the morning service is dedicated to the names that appear on the page for that particular day. Thus by donating to the Eitaikyo Fund, a sutra will be chanted in memory of your loved one for eternal generations to come. As an expression of appreciation and gratitude for the guidance, leadership and support in the growth of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, automatically entered into this Eitaikyo registry will be:

1. Past Ministers and Ministers' spouses who served the Mountain View Buddhist Temple
2. Past Mountain View Buddhist Temple Presidents who have served two or more years. No donations from the family will be expected in these cases.

The Annual Eitaikyo Service

Every November an Annual Eitaikyo Service will be conducted at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. This service will be dedicated in special memory to those loved ones newly recorded into the Eitaikyo registry within the past year. Those families will be sent an invitation to this service so that they can o-shoko in memory of their loved one during the service.

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

EITAIKYO PERPETUAL MEMORIAL FUND DONATION

No. _____

Date: _____

In Memory of _____

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____

Japanese Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Date of Death:** _____

Buddhist Name _____

English: _____ **Japanese:** _____

Place of Funeral: _____

Name of Donor(s)

Last Name: _____ **First Name:** _____

Japanese Name: _____

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Amount of Donation: _____ **Date of Eitaikyo (Initial) Service:** _____

Acknowledgment Forwarded: _____

Remarks: _____

Signature of Minister: _____

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Daylight Saving Time Ends **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	**3** **7p-8:30p** Buddhist Discussion Group	**4** Election 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	**5** **6p-9p** Boy Scouts	**6** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**7** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**8**
9 **10a-12p** Sunday Service & Dharma School **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**10** **1p-3p** Senior Activities Committee Meeting	**11** Veterans' 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	**12** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts **7:30p-9:30p** MVBT Board Meeting	**13** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**14** **5p-11p** ABA Meet & Mingle	**15** **9a-12p** BWA Meeting
16 **10a-12p** Eitaikyo Service & Dharma School **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**17**	**18** **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	**19** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**20** Great American Smokeout **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**21** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**22**
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Upcoming Events

November 2, Sunday

- **Shotsuki Hoyo Service**

November 16, Sunday

- **Eitaikyo Memorial Service**
- **Keiro Kai Luncheon**

December 7, Sunday

- **Shotsuki Hoyo & Bodhi Day Service**

December 14, Sunday

- **Mochi Tsuki**

December 21, Sunday

- **Osoji**

Support Your Temple

Donate to Past & Upcoming Services

Fall Ohigan

BCA Bishops' & ABA Memorial

Eitaikyo Memorial

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

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

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

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