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MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

September Highlights

- ***9/13 Sun, 10:00 am***
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  - * *Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September*
  - * *Fall Ohigan Service*
- ***9/27, 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, Emi Hirabayashi, Dylan Ishida & Kylie Uyekubo.
Jason Lai, Rebecca Kunze, Kaila Matsumoto & Ella Weeks can be found in the July issue.
Kendall Inouye & Kurumi Mukojima will be in the October issue.

Giving Back to the Community

By Emi Hirabayashi

Hi Everyone!

Ever since I knew that I had to give a Senior Speech, I have thought about what **I** would say when it was finally my turn. Growing up, I sat through A LOT of graduation services and listened to so many seniors share their stories, and every year, I would wonder what **I** would talk about when I eventually stood up here. At the time, it felt so far away that I never really imagined it would be my turn. But evidently... **It is now!**

When I actually sat down to write this speech, I realized I had absolutely no idea where to begin. The more I thought about it, the more impossible it seemed. I have made so many great memories here and learned so many valuable life lessons; how could I fit it all into just one speech? I also think another reason it was so difficult to write this speech is that it forced

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The Kinetic Chain

By Dylan Ishida

Good Morning,

My name is Dylan Ishida, and I'll be honest, I've been dreading this moment since I got the email that we had to give a speech months ago, and of course, I waited till the last day to write it. My family can confirm this worry, and I'm pretty sure my Grandma is more excited than I am just to hear what I decided to talk about, since she even managed to get my Grandpa to leave the house and come to the service. When I was little, I remember coming to service fairly often, not exactly paying close attention to what was being said, but I was there. As time passed, my attendance has definitely decreased, only improving a little more when I entered high school.

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Temple Is My 2nd Home

By Kylie Uyekubo

For as long as I can remember, I have absolutely dreaded giving this speech. I would sit down in the pews every single year whispering to my friends about how glad I was that it wasn't me on this podium speaking in front of the entire Sangha. However, as I got older, especially now having ended my senior year, I have found myself dreading this speech for an entirely different reason. Yes, I still hate public speaking and that has not changed. But in a year full of so many lasts, the last day of school, the last rally, the last basketball game, I have realized that I'm approaching a lot of lasts here at Temple too. The last YBA meeting, the last time I'll share pits and peaks during Dharma School, and the last Nakayoshi Gakko session.

Temple Has Impacted My Life

At every stage of my life, this Temple has been a place where I have made memories and found a sense

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 **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 **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**3** **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**4** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**5**
6 **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**7** Labor Day	**8** **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **6:30p-7:30p** Adult Continuing Taiko **7p-8p** Cub Scout Pack Meeting **7:30p-8:30p** MVBT Ukulele Club **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**9** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts **7:30p-9:30p** MVBT Board Meeting	**10** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**11** Patriot Day **6p-10p** ABA General Meeting **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**12** **9a-12p** BWA Meeting
13 **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	**14**	**15** **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **6:30p-7:30p** Adult Continuing Taiko **7p-8p** Cub Scout Pack Meeting **7:30p-8:30p** MVBT Ukulele Club **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**16** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**17** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**18** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**19**
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"Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words..."

Religious Planning — September 2026

September 13, 2026, Sunday, 10:00 am, Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September & 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

- Sunday Service and Dharma School resume
- 11:00 am: Japanese Language Service
- 11:00 am: English Language Discussion

September 20, 2026, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service

September 27, 2026, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sangha Day Picnic

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

JOIN US

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

At the Temple, put your Jozai (aka Osaisen) into the Dana Box

Or

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

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.

2026 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2025	3rd Year Memorial	2024	7th Year Memorial	2020
13th Year Memorial	2014	17th Year Memorial	2010	25th Year Memorial	2002
27th Year Memorial	2000	33rd Year Memorial	1994	50th Year Memorial	1977

Giving Back to the Community— Cont'd

EMI HIRABAYASHI

Homestead High School 2026

Bound for California State University at Long Beach

Majoring in Pre-Speech-Language Pathology

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me to realize something I had been avoiding for a really long time, which is that I am **actually** graduating High School.

For most of this year, graduation has felt like something that existed in the future, and it has just been a date on my calendar, or something people **kept** reminding me about. But sitting down to write this speech **actually** made it feel real. It made me stop and look back at everything that has happened over the past eighteen years of my life and think about all the people and experiences that led to me being the person I am today.

As exciting as it is to think about the future, writing this speech reminded me how grateful I am for everything that came before it. It reminded me that who I am today is not something I did all on my own, but it is a result of the people who supported me and the community that helped me grow. When thinking about the Temple and people who have impacted me the most, memories of my jichan were the first thing to come to mind.

My Jiichan

When I was younger, the person I admired most was my ***Jiichan***, Richard Endo. Whenever he took my brother Ko and me to Temple, it seemed like everyone knew him. Whether it was him bringing me and Ko to the Temple office after school where we would take way too much candy from the candy jar, walking around Obon with him, or simply heading to the car after Sangha Day Picnic, people would stop to talk with him. Someone always had a smile for him, and he always smiled back and took time to stop and talk with them.

At the time, I thought that was just because my Jiichan was a super friendly person. But after he passed away, I began to understand that it was something much deeper. At his funeral, I listened as person after person shared stories about the ways he had helped them, supported them, and impacted their lives. As I sat there surrounded by so many members of the Sangha, I realized that the respect and love people had for my Jiichan came not only from who he was, but from the way he dedicated himself to this community.

That experience taught me something that has stayed with me ever since, which is the importance and impact of giving back to the community that supports you.

YBA, the Temple and Buddhism

As I got older, my connection to Buddhism became more than just admiration for my ***Jichan***. Through my involvement in YBA here, Buddhism became something much more personal. Temple started as a place where I could spend time with my family and hang out with my friends, but through services, Temple events, volunteer opportunities, and the countless conversations I've had with members of this Sangha, I developed a strong appreciation for this community that has encouraged, supported, and helped me grow.

Eightfold Paths & My Memories

I still don't think I have a perfect way of summarizing everything the Temple has done for me, and it is hard to put into one big lesson, because it didn't happen all at once. Sensei, your job is really hard. There are a lot of different moments, and a lot of different people and times in my life that I will always be grateful for, so instead of trying to sum it up all at once, I'm going to use the Eightfold Path to try and highlight some of my many impactful memories from YBA.

1. Right View

Reminds me of **Jillan** planning Spaghetti Dinner last year and how she made it seem so effortless because of her organized and calm demeanor, but when it was my turn to plan Spaghetti Dinner, I realized that there was a lot of hard work and planning that went into running a successful evening.

2. Right Thought

Makes me think of when **Auntie Julie** was reassuring me that everything was going to be OK when I found out that we had accidentally burned an entire wok of spaghetti sauce.

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3. Right Speech
Reminds me of the importance of communication when leading both Mountain View and Coast District meetings, and how helpful **Kylie**, **Cassidy**, and **Kimi** were when encouraging others to volunteer during meetings.

4. Right Conduct
Reminds me of **Brad** and **Connor**, who were willing to drive me to literally every Temple event ever before I could drive, and their willingness to help, whether it be taking out the trash before YBA meetings or heading over to the apartments behind Temple to retrieve balls that went over the fence during Nakayoshi.

5. Right Livelihood
Reminds me of **my mom and my dad**, who really showed me what it means to be responsible and intentional with everything I take on. Whether it was school, Choir, or YBA, they taught me that managing my time and priorities is very, very, very important.

6. Right Effort
Makes me think of working with the other YBA members at different events, like during Spaghetti Dinner when **Dylan's** willingness to work came in SUPER clutch when having to wash an unthinkable amount of dishes… even the woks… and **Jeremy** and **Kai's** humor while working hard at the Polish Dog booth that made our shifts so much fun. Especially when we didn't know how to read or spell people's names when they ordered… we tried our best!

7. Right Mindfulness
Reminds me of the importance of living in the moment and embracing the random fun side quests and sweet treat runs I would go on, like sitting in the car enjoying Dutch Bros during the Fresno conference after me, **Jill, and others** begged the advisors to take us. Or my way too frequent Diddams trips with **Rebecca** where we would hunt for needohs after Dharma School and Meetings.

8. Right Meditation
Reminds me of the importance of slowing down to reflect during fleeting moments like when we would sit around the campfire during the YBA camping trip and reminisce over the memories we had made over the past years.

YBA Has Prepared Me
As I prepare to leave for college, I realize how much YBA has prepared me for the next stage of my life. The values I learned through the Temple have shaped the way I approach challenges, relationships, and especially uncertainty. Which I feel a lot of it now that I'm going to college. Although I am nervous about this chapter of my life coming to a close, I know that the memories and sense of community I found at Temple will follow me for the rest of my life.

But more than anything, what I will carry with me is not just the memories, but the people I made them with. The conversations before and after service, the laughter during events, and even the quiet walks to my car after long days at Temple added up to something I didn't fully understand until I wrote this speech.

To the Sangha, "Thank You" for supporting me, encouraging me, and helping me grow into who I am today. I will always be grateful to call this place my home.

Thank You

Emi Hirabayashi

Upcoming Events

October 4, 2026, Sunday
- Shotsuki Hoyo

October 11, 2026, Sunday
- Bishops' & MVBT ABA Memorial Service

October 25, 2026, Sunday
- Dharma School Halloween Parade

November 1, 2026, Sunday
- Shotsuki Hoyo

November 15, 2026, Sunday
- Eitaikyo Service
- Keiro Kai Luncheon

The Kinetic Chain — Cont'd

DYLAN ISHIDA

Bellarmine College Preparatory
2026

Bound for California State University at Long Beach

Studying Pre-Kinesiology (Pre-KIN) Exercise Science

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You Don't Have to Do It Alone

The main contributor to my absences is due to something I love and know very well, and for some reason, many of my peers associate my name with: Basketball. Specifically, I want to talk about what happens when someone gets hurt. In kinesiology — which is what I will be studying in the fall — there's the principle that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Without getting too scientific, this basically relates to how when one aspect, such as a bone, is affected, and it affects all surrounding and related joints and muscles, which is known as a kinetic chain. The body is so interconnected that an injury in one place will quietly reorganize everything else.

Team Work & Effort Always

This idea was something I didn't truly learn in a classroom. I learned it here.

I've been playing basketball since I probably gained consciousness, and many of those developing years happened as a part of Tri-City, which were some of the most fun times, and where I made many of my best friends. I've had the opportunity to give back through coaching many kids throughout my four years in High School and I want to thank them for challenging me and making my time as a coach unforgettable. I've played many different levels of basketball, whether that's high school or as a Ninja and I always thought I understood what a team meant — have fun, play your role, know your assignment, and trust the person next to you.

The moment I learned the true meaning of a team was one of the many times I sprained my ankles. When it happened, I expected everyone to keep playing, but the game was stopped right away. My coach checked on me, helped me to the bench, and my teammates checked on me throughout the game. We ended up winning, which helped with the pain since I knew I wouldn't be able to play the game I loved until I recovered, but what helped even more was being surrounded by my team. It was a moment I started reflecting on more when I started learning about sports medicine. About how recovery isn't just biological — it's relational. Healing happens faster when you don't have to do it alone. Which is something I realized the Temple has been teaching me for years.

Community Is A Kinetic Chain

I've been around the Temple for as long as I can remember. Dharma School on Sunday mornings, Obon every summer, Tri-City practices on the weekends, and two weeks of Nakayoshi Gakko. I watched the Seniors give their speeches, the same way some of you are watching me now, and I used to wonder what I'd say when it was my turn. In the end, the answer to that question is that the community is a kinetic chain. Every person in this Sangha is connected to every other person in ways that aren't always obvious. The Dharma School teacher who said something in passing that you forget the next day — it's still in you somewhere. The advisor who stayed late to help you prep for an event. All of it moves through you. And you move through all of it. That's interdependence. And I used to think of it as a concept you memorize for Dharma School. Now I understand it as just — the way things actually work.

I have so many people to thank, and I know I won't do any of them justice in the time I have.

- To Reverend Mukojima, thank you for the Dharma Talks that I didn't always fully understand in the moment, but have a way of surfacing later, when I need them most.
- To my Dharma School teachers throughout the years and YBA advisors, you gave your Sunday mornings to us for years. You showed up, prepared, were patient, and consistent. I hope you know that it paid off.
- To the younger members and kids, you're more ready than you think, and if you ever feel lost in service, just bow when everyone bows. It'll be okay.

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- And to my family, thank you for supporting me through everything and for bringing me here, even when I was difficult about it, and would have rather slept in.

Kinetic Change Continues

I started my talk with a basketball injury. I want to end with what happened after. Of course, I came back and recovered. Not because I'm tougher than I thought, though I hope that's a little true. But because I had people to come back to. Because recovery is partly physical and mostly relational. Because of the kinetic chain—the body, the team, and the community adjust themselves when one part needs support. So, I'm not moving into my next chapter with just a diploma, but with a way of seeing the world. One where healing is possible, where no one has to go it alone, and where the people standing beside you are doing more for you than you'll ever be able to fully measure.

I'll carry that into every room I walk into for the rest of my life.

Thank you.

Dylan Ishida

Miroku

Obon Festival & Bazaaar

Thank you to everyone who helped in the Flip the Brick (aka Shooting Gallery) booth at Obon this year.

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 tentatively scheduled for Sunday, September 13, at noon. We will send out more information once we finalize the date.

All middle school students who are in 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.

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

In Gassho,
Jadine Yee, Kelsey Chu, and Stephanie Mori
Miroku Parent Advisors

MIROKU

middle school group

2026 150 Club News

At the July Board Meeting of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, the winner for July was **Debbie Ho**.

Congratulations to Debbie!

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 6 & 7	N / A	N / A
OCT	Toban 8 & 9	Sept 11 (Fri)	Sept 16 (Wed)
NOV	Toban 10 & 11	Oct 16 (Fri)	Oct 21 (Wed)

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

Temple Is My 2nd Home — Cont'd

KYLIE UYEKUBO

Aragon High School 2026

Bound for San Diego State University

Studying Speech Language and Hearing Sciences

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of belonging in such a welcoming community. From when I was a little Dharma School kid sitting in the front rows, to a middle schooler sitting behind a computer for online service and zoom Dharma School, to the person I have become today. For years this campus has become like a second home to me. There are sometimes I'm here so often I think It would be more efficient to just sleep over. Over the span of my life, the lessons I have learned have exceeded that of just the Dharma Talks. The lessons I have learned from the Sangha and absorbing information about the teachings of the Buddha from watching all of you has had an insurmountable impact on my life.

One of the most important lessons that I have learned at the Temple is the importance of putting yourself out there and embracing all opportunities you are offered. Going into High School and joining YBA, I was encouraged to step outside my comfort zone and volunteer to lead projects and run for leadership positions. As a freshman, I was hesitant to speak up, still a little unsure of what I was supposed to be doing or what I was supposed to be saying. As the past four years have gone by, I have grown into myself as a person, I've volunteered to chair Spaghetti Dinner and made my voice heard by contributing to conversations. At every step of the way, there was always someone there to support and encourage me. This community has formed me into the person I am today who is more responsible, more confident, and more willing to take risks because of it.

Giving Back To The Community

I've also learned the impact giving back to the community can have. No matter how small the action may seem to me, I've seen how the small sacrifice of time to volunteer or help out can make a huge difference when everyone comes together to help each other. Watching the Sangha dedicate countless hours to the Temple has helped me realize that nothing would be possible without so many people willing to care for something bigger than them. It has taught me the value of kindness and selfishness that I continue to take with me.

Another thing from Temple that I will always take with me is the importance of building relationships with the people around me. And not even just becoming friends with peers who are my own age, but also making connections with the entire Sangha. Whether that is in the form of serving tea during Keiro Kai, learning how to sew and understand a car engine from ABA (which I now sort of understand), or playing with the younger kids after Dharma School or during Nakayoshi Gakko. Even if I have never spoken to them before, this Temple has fostered such a friendly and supportive environment where everyone gets to know each other and support each other in some capacity. The relationships I have made, especially here, have helped me in so many ways. They have shown me how to find fun regardless of the situation. Through the long conference weekends, a game musical chairs to the tune of K-pop demon hunters that got so competitive people were thrown to the floor, hours in the Polish Dog Booth during Obon, and scrambling eggs (or trying to scramble eggs) for Hawaiian Breakfast, the friends I have made here always manage to make me laugh and are the reason I have so many amazing memories here. Throughout everything going on outside, if I'm stressed about finals, AP testing, college applications, I know I can always come here on the weekends.

Thank You to Everyone

I would like to first thank Reverend Mukojima for all of your amazing Dharma Talks, I've picked up more from them over the years than I have even realized. I would also like to thank the entire Sangha for your support, along with all of my Dharma School teachers and YBA advisors for all of the support and guidance they have given me. Finally, I would like to thank my family. Thank you so much for all of your unconditional love and

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support, even when I'm not the easiest. You have led by example and taught me how important showing up for the people you care about is since you have always shown up for me no matter what in every single way and I am so incredibly grateful for you. Everything I am is because of you and I love you so much.

As I move into college, I will carry everything that the Sangha has given me into every chapter of my life moving forward.

Thank you!

Kylie Uyekubo

Adult Buddhist Association (ABA) News

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Adult Buddhist Association

PAST ACTIVITIES

San Jose Giants Game

ABA members and friends attended the San Jose Giants game and fireworks show on August 14.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

BCA Bishops' and ABA Memorial Service

Looking ahead, please Save The Date of Sunday, October 11, for the BCA Bishops' and ABA Memorial Service with the guest speaker **Rev. Matt Hamasaki** of the Sacramento Betsuin.

Japanese Tea Tasting & Pairing with Tsukemono

ABA will have a "Japanese Tea Tasting and Pairing with Tsukemono," on Saturday October 17, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Movie Night

We are planning to watch the movie "Hito Hata: Raise the Banner." **Sterling Makishima** is working with **Dwayne Kubo**, a co-director. The movie is about the life of a Japanese-American immigrant played by **Mako**.

Rev. Matt Hamasaki

Next Meeting

Our next ABA meeting is in YBA Hall on Friday, September 11, at 7:30 pm (Hybrid).

In Gassho,
Glenn Kitasoe
ABA President

Buddhist Women's Association Activities

Passing of BWA Members

In July, our BWA lost two long-time members: **Mrs. June Oto** and **Mrs. Mary Kato**.

Until recently, Mrs. Oto enjoyed coming to many of the Temple activities. She was able to see friends during Obon. Mrs. Kato was an active BWA member for many years. While she was able, she helped with many BWA fundraisers and activities. We will miss both Mrs. Oto and Mrs. Kato very much.

Our heartfelt condolences to the Oto and Kato Families.

Obon – Chi Chi Dango

For this year's Obon, our BWA members and friends enjoyed a day of making delicious "chi chi dango." Thank you to everyone who came out to help. Special thank you to **Marilyn Armistead** and **Margie Nishimoto** for selling our chi chi dango in the Sangha Snacks Booth.

18th World Buddhist Women's Convention 2027

The 18th World Buddhist Women's Convention will be September 11 – 12, 2027, in Honolulu, Hawaii, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village and hosted by Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations. People from Hawaii, Japan, BCA, Canada and South America will be in attendance.

Japanese Keynote Speaker. Rev. Dr. Masumi Kikuchi of Japan is a scholar in Shin Buddhist studies, international propagation, American and Japanese American Buddhism, and Buddhist music and rituals.

English Keynote Speaker. Dr. Miki Tomita Okamoto of Hawaii is Founder and CEO of Education Incubator, a Hawai'i based nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering people and communities to live with passion and purpose for a better world.

Please see the attached URL link for detailed information and the schedule.

https://hawaiibwa.org/world-convention-2027/

The convention is already accepting registration. Please note: Hotel room confirmation is required to register. Go to:

https://hawaiibwa.org/world-convention-2027/registration/

Advance hotel room reservations available through August 2026. In September, hotel room reservations can be made directly through Hilton.

We anticipate several MVBT BWA members and non-BWA members attending this exciting convention. If you have questions, you can email "mvbt.bwa@gmail.com".

In Gassho,
Shirley Matsumoto
BWA President

BWA Members and Friends Chi Chi Dango Crew

Prepping ingredients

Mixing up the batches

Hot out of the oven

Convection Oven Dragon Slayer Masters

Lorrie's Drum

Obon Performance Dedicated to Lorrie

Our fellow taiko classmate, **Lorrie Kitasoe**, passed away, while the "Tuesday, Adult Taiko 6:30 pm Class" had been preparing for months for this year's Obon performance of Futai. As part of our performance, we included a special decorated drum to honor her.

Excerpt From Intro spoken by Mike Inouye.

Lorrie and Taiko

Our hearts are heavy as we remember our dear friend and taiko buddy, Lorrie Kitasoe, who recently passed away. While we feel a profound loss, we also feel an immense gratitude for the light, music and joy she brought to our lives. Lorrie had been involved with the taiko program here at Mountain View Buddhist Temple from the very beginning in 1996. She was one of many Taiko Moms as her two daughters began playing with the new Dharma School Taiko program headed by **Bobbie Arita** and **Judi McCoy**. She helped in making drums, sewed happi coats, made snacks and helped to make sure her girls were ready to play and perform. In 2012, Lorrie along with a few other taiko moms were encouraged to join the MVBT adult taiko group by **Sue Yuen** at the Sangha Day Picnic. We agreed to play taiko as long as we did not have to perform! We had so much fun and fond memories with Lorrie. We attended taiko conferences, workshops, and even collectively sewed the happi coats we are wearing for today's performance of Futai.

Futai Song written by MVBT Minister's Assistant John Arima

In Buddhism, ***futai*** can be translated as "not falling back". This refers to when someone seeking enlightenment reaches a state from which they will never regress, or take a step backward, on their path to enlightenment. ***Futai*** was written to include as many of the taiko patterns and techniques that the MVBT Adult group had learned and were ready to perform as part of a song. The song was refined together as a group so that all members could play the patterns together and present their state of "not falling back" on their paths as taiko performers. It is especially meaningful today to present ***Futai*** as we reflect on our memories of Lorrie and her futai.

Namo Amida Butsu

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Lorrie's family with the Tuesday Adult 6:30 pm class

Class bowing to Lorrie's Drum with start of performance

Lorrie's Drum with Lorrie's granddaughter, Keira

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

Resuming Thursday Seniors After Summer Break

Thursday, September 10, 2026: We will have our Senior Activities startup. We hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer break.

We will continue with our usual and popular activities:

- Line Dancing
- Shanghai and Hana Card group
- Sing Along
- Chair Exercise and
- Taiko

Everyone is welcome to join in on your favorite activities.

October Activities: We are hopeful to have an interesting program in October. We are always looking for new ideas and events, so please let me or anyone of our Committee members know of new projects you would like to share.

Senior Cookbooks

The Senior Cookbook 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 and all Activities programs starts at 9:00 am and ends at noon.

During Senior Activities

Light refreshment of coffee, tea and pastry are provided.

Everyone is welcome.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

MVBT Seniors Activities and Crafts

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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SAVE THE DATE
SANGHA DAY PICNIC

DATE: Sunday, September 27, 2026
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
Zones 3 & 11

Keiro Kai Luncheon Following Eitaikyo Service

The Path of Peace & Longevity
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SAVE THE DATE

Keiro Kai Luncheon
Sunday, November 15, 2026

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
Zones 6 & 7

SATURDAY, JULY 18

4 PM TO 9 PM

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

4:00 PM	FESTIVAL OPENS
4:00 – 8:00 PM	CULTURAL EXHIBITS
4:00 – 6:00 PM	HONDO TOURS
4:30 PM	TAIKO (MVBT ADULTS & SENIORS)
6:00 PM	TAIKO (MVBT KIDS + JUN DAIKO)
7:30 – 9:00 PM	MAUI ODORI DANCING
9:00 PM	FESTIVAL CLOSES

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SUNDAY, JULY 19
NOON TO 8 PM

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

12:00 PM	FESTIVAL OPENS
12:00 - 5:00 PM	CULTURAL EXHIBITS
12:30 PM	TAIKO (SVDSN + MVBT ADULTS & SENIORS)
1:00 - 2:00 PM	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
2:00 - 4:00 PM	HONDO TOURS
3:30 PM	TAIKO (MVBT KIDS + JUN DAIKO)
6:00 - 7:00 PM	CHIDORI BAND
6:30 - 7:00 PM	OBON SERVICE
7:00 - 8:00 PM	ODORI DANCING
8:00 PM	FESTIVAL CLOSES

August & September

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September will be held on Sunday, September 13

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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	**Shigeo Kashima**	**Toshiko Okuno**
George Abey	**Itsume Kawamoto**	**Chiyo Ozawa**
Jean Abey	**Shina Kinaga**	**Edna Ozawa**
Kazuo Abey	**John Hiro Kariya**	**Haruno Saito**
Thomas Arakaki	**Sumiye Kito**	**Harry Sakae**
Kiyoko Arao	**Albert Kobayashi**	**Warren Sakae**
Takanori Arao	**Toshio Kochi**	**Kitao Sakai**
Masataro Fujii	**John Kondo**	**Miyuki Sakano**
Helen Fukuma	**Doris Kuboyama**	**Fumie Satake**
Masao Fukumoto	**Kazuo Kurashige**	**James Satake**
Dorothy Furuichi	**Chiyomi Masuda**	**Shimano Satake**
Masuo Hamada	**Helen Matsuba**	**George M. Sato**
Hiroshi Haruta	**Haru Matsuzaki**	**Koma Shinke**
Mary Haruta	**Kazuo Mayeda**	**Hisayo Shinta**
Isamu Higa	**Yoshino Miyamoto**	**Nancy Irene Smith**
Ronald Higaki	**Keiko Mizuhara**	**Susan Haruta Stokes**
Shoko Hirabayashi	**Kiyoko Muranaka**	**Hiroshi Sugimoto**
Craig Hiramoto	**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**	

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 **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**2** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**3**
4 **10a-12p** Shotsuki Hoyo Service & Dharma School **11:30a-12:30p** YBA Lunch **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **12p-1p** Miroku Monthly Meeting **12:30p-2p** YBA Meeting **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**5** **7p-8:30p** Buddhist Discussion Group	**6** **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **6:30p-7:30p** Adult Continuing Taiko **7p-8p** Cub Scout Pack Meeting **7:30p-8:30p** MVBT Ukulele Club **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**7** **6p-9p** Boy Scouts **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**8** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**9** **6p-10p** ABA General Meeting **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**10**
11 **10a-12p** Bishops' & MVBT ABA Memorial Service & Dharma School **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**12** Columbus Day	**13** **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **6:30p-7:30p** Adult Continuing Taiko **7p-8p** Cub Scout Pack Meeting **7:30p-8:30p** MVBT Ukulele Club **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**14** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts **7:30p-9:30p** MVBT Board Meeting	**15** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**16** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**17** **9a-12p** BWA Meeting **12p-4p** ABA Japanese Tea Tasting & Pairing
18 **10a-12p** Sunday Service & Dharma School **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**19**	**20** **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **6:30p-7:30p** Adult Continuing Taiko **7p-8p** Cub Scout Pack Meeting **7:30p-8:30p** MVBT Ukulele Club **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**21** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**22** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko - Canceled **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball - Canceled **8p-10p** Jun Daiko - Canceled	**23** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball - Canceled	**24** Rummage Sale (9 am - 2 pm)
25 **10a-12p** Sunday Service & Dharma School **12p-2p** Kids Taiko Class **2p-4p** Jun Daiko	**26** **7:30p-8:30p** RPC Meeting	**27** **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **6:30p-7:30p** Adult Continuing Taiko **7p-8p** Cub Scout Pack Meeting **7:30p-8:30p** MVBT Ukulele Club **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**28** **7p-9p** Boy Scouts	**29** **9a-12p** Senior Activities and Crafts **5:30p-7:30p** MVBT Adult Taiko **7:30p-9:30p** Thursday Night Basketball **8p-10p** Jun Daiko	**30** **6p-8p** MVBT Pickle Ball	**31** Halloween

Upcoming Events

October 4, 2026, Sunday

- Shotsuki Hoyo Service
- Dharma School & YBA Installations

October 11, 2026, Sunday

- Bishops' & MVBT ABA Memorial Service

October 25, 2025, Sunday

- Dharma School Halloween Parade

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