



Nov Highlights

- **11/11, Mon 7:30 PM**
Religious Planning Mtg
- **11/17, Sun 10:00 AM**
Nov Shotsuki Monthly Memorial Service
- **11/10, Wed 7:30 PM**
Temple Board Mtg
- **11/14, Sun 10:00 AM**
Eitai-kyo (Perpetual Memorial Service)
Guest Speaker:
Rev. LaVerne Sasaki,
BCA Minister Emeritus
- 12:00 PM**
Keiro Kai Luncheon
- **11/24-25, Thu/Fri**
Happy Thanksgiving
(Office Closed)
- **11/28, Sun 10:00 AM**
BWA Memorial/
Eshinni, Kakushinni Memorial
Guest Speaker:
Rev. Dennis Shinseki,
Monterey Peninsula
Buddhist Temple

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Ask Not What the Temple Can Do for You...

By Reverend Dean Koyama

Recently I had a conversation with someone that essentially centered around the issue of **"Why should I join a temple and become a member?"** This person pointed out that one can take advantage of the Dharma School program, YBA and other affiliated organizations without being a member. In addition, one can still have a funeral, memorial or even a wedding conducted at the temple.

Thus, there really is no incentive to become a member. One can reap all the outward "benefits" without paying \$175 annual dues. Based on a narrow cost/benefit perspective, I could certainly un-

The fact that one can take advantage of the temple's programs, organizations, and services without being a member is precisely the very reason to become a member.

derstand the reasoning. Why pay for something if you can get it for free instead?

It is true that Temple members do not get priority seating or early entrance to services. They do not get discounts on Chicken Teriyaki dinners or Obon Shave Ice. In fact, members may be asked to serve on the Temple's Board of Directors, be a Zone Chairperson or the Chair of the Sangha Day Picnic or Bon Odori Festival.

Why should one become a member when it may mean working long hours and carry a heavy burden of responsibility?

Giving Thanks and Appreciation

By Glenn Kitaoe

It has been a great year and I am thankful for how good life is. Look at all the positive things and be grateful for everything you have, you will be happier and healthier.

Many thanks to Reverend Koyama

and all the Temple Members here at Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

I appreciate all that you do. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!

In Gassho,

Glenn Kitaoe



It should not be something we do once a year, but Thanksgiving is a good reminder to thank all of those you love and say how much you appreciate them.



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Mountain View Buddhist Temple

Religious Planning Committee Report—October

Oct 31st 10:00 AM

Chaired by: 2nd Grade



Dharma School Halloween Activity for Pre-K through 4th grade

Nov 7th 10:00 AM—Shotsuki Hoyo Service



Nov 14th 10:00 AM—Eitaikyo Service



Guest Speaker: **Rev. LaVerne Sasaki**. 2010 Keiro Kai Luncheon and Program following service.

Nov 21st 10:00 AM

Chaired by: BWA



Adult Discussion Session: **Hondo Etiquette** led by our O-asaji Group

Nov 28th 10:00 AM Esshin-ni-ko/Kakyshin-ni-ko Service

Chaired by: BWA



Guest Speaker: **Rev. Dennis (Jay) Shinseki**.

Dec 5th 10:00 AM Bodhi Day & Shotsuki Hoyo Service (Combined Dec/Jan)



What Do These Icons Mean?

In an effort to consolidate information within the Echo as well provide more information on services, the following icons indicate various activities for Sunday Services:



Shotsuki Hoyo Service



O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM



Adult Discussion—11:00 AM



Dharma School—11:00 AM

Upcoming MVBT Events

Early Notes—December Services

December 19th—Mochitsuki

December 19th—O-soji

December 31—

Joya-e, New Year's Eve Service

NO SERVICES

Dec 12th & Dec 26th

Looking Ahead—2010-2011

Starting in September, we will be scheduling Adult Discussion sessions to follow Sunday Services as well as other programs, Anyone interested in giving input on programs and information you'd like to see at these sessions, please contact John Arima.



SAVE THE DATE!

MOCHI-TSUKI

Sunday,

Dec 12, 2010

50th Anniversary Meeting

November 16th, 2010, 7:00 pm, YBA Hall Conference Room

The date of the 50th Anniversary date has been changed to March 17th and 18th, 2012.

These meetings are important, with critical decisions being made. Pass on the information to your organization on the progress. **PLEASE ATTEND.**

The ECHO

Ask Not What the Temple Can Do for You... (Cont'd from Page 1)

It is very hard to argue this question as a straightforward business decision because our temple is not an ordinary business. **What leads someone to become a member is not a simple linear cost/benefit formula.** Rather, my response was “The fact that one **can** take advantage of all the temples’ programs, organizations, and services without being a member **is precisely the very reason to become a member.**”

Huh?! That doesn’t make sense. Let me try to explain.

The Three Jewels of Buddhism consist of:

1. Taking refuge and relying upon the Buddha, the teacher of Life’s Realities
2. The Dharma—the Teachings of those Realities
3. The Sangha, the community that helps one to awaken to those realities.

Community is inherently part and parcel of the foundation in Buddhism. The Sangha is an integral part of living. The Sangha provides a network to help during difficult times and to share in the happiness during joyful times. Of course some who prefer privacy may also choose not to be part of this network and community.

But for those who do become part of this community, many have found memorable experiences during their childhood of YBA or working at Obon. Many can see the wonderful co-operative workings of many generations for the same goal. The opportunities to participate in these activities provide building leadership skills and

lifelong friendships. And hopefully, they become aware of the inherent yet intangible value of these opportunities,

In Buddhist terminology, this is called creating **Go-En**. Go is an honorific term referring to the Buddha or the Buddha’s Teachings. En refers to the infinite conditions or possibilities. Go-En refers to the infinite possibilities that lead us to be intertwined with one another and that lead us to the Dharma. In simple terms, it refers to the karmic conditions that are required to make an event so.

About 30 years ago, back in my college days, I decided I wanted to study Buddhism. So I began attending services at the Sacramento Betsuin. I didn’t attend Dharma School. Nor did I attend the temple’s Japanese language school. (I wish I had!) I didn’t know many people so often I would just go to service and leave.



But I was persistent and gradually made friends. Soon I could tell the “regulars” and the “newbies” (like myself). In particular, I remember a girl about my age who always wore red—a red dress or just a red ribbon in her hair. It turned out red was her favorite color.

Then last week, I was called to do a makura-gyo (a bedside service done upon death.) When I asked for the deceased person’s name, it sounded vaguely familiar. As I pieced together the personal information, I realized that this was the girl I had known in Sacramento who liked to wear red.

After I conducted the service, I had a chance to talk with her husband. He said that she had been diagnosed with cancer 13 or 14 years ago and had been battling for all this time. Yet she never felt sorry for herself.

Her husband shared an incident that occurred only about a couple of months earlier. They had gone out to visit some friends. During the course of the visit, one of their friends made a comment, “I’m sorry that you have to deal with this obstacle in your life.”

On their drive back, the wife asked, “Have you ever considered my cancer to be an obstacle?” The husband remarked, “No.” The wife instantly replied, “Neither have I. If anything, this cancer has helped me to focus on what is important in my life. It has never hindered or prevented me from doing what I want or need to do.”

Hearing this story made me realize that in the midst of death, we must continue to live. We may not be able to choose how or when we die, but we have a choice on how we live this life. This is the teaching of the Buddha.

Although I went to conduct this service as a Buddhist Minister, I encountered the Buddha’s teaching through

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the life and death of a woman I had met some 30 years ago.

Were it not for the Sacramento temple, I would never have encountered this woman. If I did not have a place to listen to the Dharma, I wonder if I would have pursued Buddhism. And if she did not have the opportunity to hear the Dharma, I wonder if this woman would have had such a wonderful outlook and attitude about life.

And if not for this Temple (Sangha) in Mountain View, I would not have received that fateful phone call which allowed me to conduct her service. And had I not conducted the service, I would never have had the oppor-

tunity to witness the Dharma flowing in a person's life.

All this began with the Temple. The temple provides the connections, Go-En, that link our lives to the Buddha and the Dharma. But it is because of the dedication and sacrifices of its members that a temple is able to provide this important function. Because of them, others are able to hear the Dharma, participate in the different organizations, and perhaps then, enable them to enrich their lives.

People do not become members of a temple with the thought or idea that they will then get some benefit out of it. Rather, it is because they have already received

the benefits of the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha and are moved to repay that great debt of gratitude that they become a member of a temple.

In this way, by their support, they help to ensure that others in the present and future generations have the same opportunity to hear the Dharma of the Buddha enriching and deepening the meaning of their own lives.

Becoming a Temple member is not Self-Benefiting but Benefiting Others. This is the true heart of compassion.

Gassho, Rev. Dean

Wanted: YBA Photos 1993-1998

YBA is looking for photos (film or digital).
Please provide date, location and names for those in the photos.

Email YBA Historian **Camille Hironaka** (hoitsu87art@netscape.net)
for more information or to submit photos. Thank you!



23 YBA Members to Attend CC Conference in November

In September, YBA members hosted the walk, games, crafts, and 50/50 raffle at the Sangha Day Picnic. The walk was successful where the story of two mice was told in relevance to the 50th Anniversary. The games and crafts went well; many children enjoyed the different games and prizes. The 50/50 raffle was successful with half of the proceeds being donated to the Humane Society.

In October, not much occurred in the YBA except for the YBA BBQ which was held on Sunday, October 17th. This event was held to welcome the incoming members of the new YBA year. Without **Adam Oshiro**, this event would not have been possible nor as successful as it was.

The YBA members look forward to the CC Conference held in

November. A total of 23 members will be attending this event. This number of attendees could possibly be a new record. In addition, the YBA has a total of 41 members, which could possibly be another record.

Gassho.

Ashley Andrews
YBA President

YBA
Updates

The ECHO

Senior Activities

Bingo Nov 18th

Another Successful White Elephant Sale

The October 2nd and 3rd White Elephant Sales did very well from both the White Elephant and our Senior Craft sales. We received many donations with the support from temple members and friends. Our own Senior Craft ladies had been busy preparing and have done well. With this being a very successful event, we are able to donate toward the 50th Anniversary Program. We thank you all for supporting this event.

NOV 18TH BINGO & LUNCH

We will have our annual free bingo session with prizes and a special lunch. We will have the usual schedule craft hour, starting at 9:00AM, then lunch starting at 11:30AM. Around 12:15AM, we will start the bingo games. Please

come and enjoy the fun and win some prizes.

This will be the last day of craft, before the holidays. We will resume in January 6, 2011. Please mark this on your calendar.

NO ACTIVITIES IN DECEMBER

The Senior Craft Group continue to stay busy for the upcoming boutique on **November 20th, at the Mountain View Senior Center** and many continue with their own projects. There is a group that enjoys playing cards and many just enjoy each others' company.

Again, we wish to express our sincere gratitude for the monetary donations, the time and energy

spent supporting our craft projects and the materials that we continue to receive.

The proceeds will be used to supplement the lunches, trips and special activities that are planned during the year. These donations enhance the operation of our program.

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News from MVBT Girl Scout Troop #60736

2010 – 2011 NEW YEAR

We have had a great start to the Girl Scout New Year with **33 girls enrolled**, three of whom are new to the MVBT troop. We have a new group of Cadettes (6th – 8th Grade) and **Leslie Imai** has joined the troop to lead the Cadettes.

We are also very lucky to have two MVBT Dharma School students, **Lesley Tomosoda and Nicole Andrews**, join the troop to assist the Brownie leaders.

SANGHA DAY PICNIC

The Girl Scouts were responsible for the Guessing Game at the Sangha Day Picnic. The girls especially enjoyed working with everyone on guessing how much candy was in each jar.

LEADERS & ENROLLMENT

DAISIES (3 girls)

Leaders— **Debbie Ho & Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto**

BROWNIES (15 girls)

Leaders—**Joan Aoki, Alice Chu & Oi-Ha Lam**

Assistants—**Lesley Tomosoda & Nicole Andrews**

JUNIORS (6 girls)

Leaders—**Wendy Ng & Joy Watanabe**

CADETTES (9 girls)

Leader—**Leslie Imai**

CEREMONIES & AWARDS

We held our Bridging, Investiture, Rededication, and Award ceremony. Bridging is where girls move from one level to another. Investiture is an annual ceremony where we commit ourselves to the Girl Scout promise and law.

Eight girls bridged from Juniors to Cadettes and seven earned their Bronze award.

BRONZE AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Erin Hamasaki
- Jenny Han
- Natalie Jue
- Miranda Liu
- Grace Tan
- Lauren Tan
- Sarah Tan



A Fun-filled Sangha Day Picnic—Sept 26th

Zone 4 members were ready with extra shade canopies, extra drinks and lots of ice for the anticipated scorcher, but the weather turned out perfect for the 350 attendees at this year's Sangha Day Picnic.

About 75 more were expected but were probably scared away by the erroneous prediction of a melt down. Most memorable feature of the day was the tremendous help and support by our Sangha. Not only the hosting zone but also dozens showed up early to help unload the trucks cover the picnic tables and set up the canopies for the needed extra shade. The day proceeded smoothly with the usual great food, especially the scrumptious teriyaki steak and abundant beans and hotdogs. We were also honored by the surprise

attendance by the BCA Bishop Socho and Mrs. Ogui.

A big thanks to the Dharma School for the early morning continental breakfast; YBA for the early morning walk and organizing the kids' games; the Boy Scouts' "monkey bridge"; the Girl Scouts' "guessing games"; the Fuji Club for chairing the service; Reverend Dean Koyama and Socho Ogui for leading the Dharma talk; and ABA for running the Bingo and raffle.

A special thanks goes out to Bob Imai for securing the Cuesta Park site and necessary permits for us once again and for also helping guide Zone 4 in the preloading and post-loading of equipment and supplies on Friday morning and all day Sunday.

The Zone 4 volunteers were guided and helped through the Saturday morning food preparation by Amy Imai and Dave Kawamoto whose special recipes were responsible for the delicious steak and homemade soup.

It should also be mentioned that many Temple members stayed to help pack up, unload and wash equipment back at the Temple when it was all over. Our zone owes you all a debt of gratitude.

Finally, a big thank you to the families and friends of Zone 4 for a job well done.

In gassho,

**Rich Mori and Russ Nakano
Picnic Co-chairs**



Thank You from Dharma School—Donations

BIRTHDAYS

Jeremy Tao
—Toshiko Uyehara

ERRATUM

Pauline Shinseki—In Memory of
Jeff Shinseki



IN APPRECIATION OF LUNCH

T.E. and J.C. Kawamoto

IN MEMORY OF "GRANDPA HIRO"

Rodney and Nancy Sugimoto

ABA New Member Dinner November 12th

As we go to press ABA members are busy preppin' for KEEP ON DANCIN' our second annual dance held on October 9, 2010. Details in the next ECHO. If you missed it please plan come to our third annual dance!!!!!!

COME JOIN US!

Come to New Member Dinner.
Friday, November 12, 2010
6:00 – 9:30 pm
Sangha Hall MVBT

Casual dress

INTERESTED IN JOINING ABA?

Contact—Marilyn Ozawa
Phone—(510) 206-0391
Email—kanyoshi@comcast.net

If you're interested just ask any ABA member about ABA. Try it you'll like it!!!



The ECHO

Have No Doubt, The Pure Land Is For Us All—JSCC Course Essay

The following is from the JSCC Jodo Shinshu II section. As always, I strongly encourage anyone who is interested in learning more about Buddhism and our Jodo Shinshu traditions to sign up for the JSCC. Please note that this example is simply my response to the question posed by the course and not the only answer to this question.

Question

What does Genshin's division of the Pure Land into the fulfilled land and the transformed land teach us?

John's Response

Genshin's division of the Pure Land into the fulfilled land and the transformed land teaches the difficulty of the Pure Land Path, compared to the Path of Sages. Genshin's teaching shows the path to birth in the Pure Land and forms a basis for Honen Shonin's teaching on Buddhist Practice. It is through Genshin's teaching that we come to understand that shinjin is an essential aspect of Nembutsu practice. With further examination of Genshin's explanation of the Sutra of the Bodhisattvas' Dwelling in the Womb, the connection to Honen's Threefold Selection of Buddhist Practice can be traced. The final link between Genshin's teaching of the fulfilled land and Shinran's emphasis of shinjin in Nembutsu practice brings us to Jodo Shinshu teachings.

There is further explanation offered by Genshin regarding the passage cited regarding "the realm of indolence and pride":

"The next passage in the sutra states, 'For since they are indolent and complacent, their resolve lacks firmness.' Thus we know that those who engage in sundry practices are people of infirm resolve. For this reason they are born in the realm of indolence and pride. If you do not engage in sundry practices, but solely perform this act, then you are firm of resolve and will definitely attain birth in the land of bliss... Further, those born in fulfilled Pure Land are extremely few; those born in the transformed Pure Land are many. Therefore, the different teachings in the sutras are in fact not a variance with each other."



The sutras being compared in these passages are the *Contemplation Sutra* and the *Sutra of the Bodhisattvas' Dwelling in the Womb*. Since the Contemplation Sutra describes a set of practices expounded by Śākyamuni Buddha which enabled Queen Vaidehi to achieve spiritual awakening, the question being addressed is how anyone can attain birth based on the *Sutra of the Bodhisattvas' Dwelling in the Womb*. This is addressed by Dr. Ken Tanaka in an explanation of what happens if one does not attain birth in the Pure Land.

"Such a person will fall into one of two groups. According to the sutras, the first group goes to provisional Pure Lands, such as 'Border Land,' 'Land of Sloth and Torpor,' and 'Womb Place.' They will all, however, eventually go to the Pure Land of Amida. These provisional Pure Lands are reserved for those who gain some level of spiritual realization yet still harbor some doubt about the teachings. The second group is comprised of those who have not attained even the realization of the first group. They, therefore, continue to transmigrate in the cycle of births and deaths (samsara) until such time as they are transformed by the Dharma. All beings have the potential for liberation through birth in the true Pure Land. Towards this end, Amida's compassionate activities are tirelessly at work to liberate all beings from samsara."

The transformed land, or provisional Pure Land, is for those who are approaching, but have not yet achieved, a state of truly settled shinjin awareness. These seekers of birth in the Pure Land may be actively engaged in Buddhist practice, but have not found the Act of Right Assurance.

When Honen Shonin taught that selection of Nembutsu practice was the Act of Right Assurance, he used a framework of logic referred to as his Threefold Selection of Buddhist Practice. In this framework, all Buddhist practice is organized in such a way as to three specific divisions of practices that lead to the Act of Right Assurance. In this frame work, the

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highest level division is between the Path of Sages (Difficult Path) and the Pure Land Path (Easy Path). Under the Pure Land Path, the practices are divided into Miscellaneous Acts and Right Acts. The Miscellaneous Acts are practices other than the Five Right Acts performed for the purpose of attaining birth in the Pure Land.

The Five Right Acts are:

1. Chanting sutra
2. Contemplation concentrated on Amida and Amida's Pure Land
3. Single-mindedly worshipping Amida
4. Single-mindedly reciting the Name
5. Single-mindedly praising Amida and making offerings to Amida

These Five Right Acts are then divided into Auxiliary Acts and the Act of Right Assurance. The fourth of the Right Acts (Single-mindedly reciting the Name or Nembutsu practice) is the Act of Right Assur-

ance and the other four Right Acts are Auxiliary Acts. Since recitation of the Name is cause for birth in the Pure Land based on Amida's 18th Vow, it is the Act of Right Assurance.

Shinran believed that the recitation of Nembutsu was an expression of gratitude. It is only with a deep mind which has entrusted in the Other Power of Amida's Vow that recitation of Nembutsu can be practiced. From Shinran's Koso Wasan, he expresses the link between shinjin from Other Power of the Primal Vow and birth in the fulfilled Pure Land.

"We who aspire for
Amida's fulfilled land,

Though we differ in
outward condition and conduct,

Should truly receive the
Name of the Primal Vow

And never forget it,
whether waking or sleeping."

There are two important teachings which come from Genshin's division of the Pure Land into the fulfilled land and the transformed land. The first is that to achieve birth in the fulfilled Pure Land requires a deep mind, entrusting in shinjin. The second is that any doubt in the Other Power of the Primal Vow, no matter how many other practices one performs, will result in birth in the transformed Pure Land until one can become truly settled with a deep mind of shinjin awareness.

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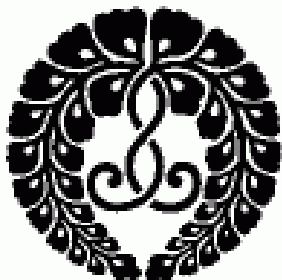
*Keiro Kai Lunch and Program
Sunday November 14th, 12 noon*

Come to celebrate honoring our Seniors
RSVP by Friday, October 29th.

Kansha | Thankfulness

The ECHO

Udon Fundraiser Coming December 5th



**Buddhist
Women's
Association**

SPECIAL THANK YOU

On September 18, 2010, FBWA CABINET AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE members held their meetings at MVBT conference room. 50 people from five CD chapters attended. **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU** goes to board members, **ALLAN NARA, RICHARD ENDO, CHUCK UYEDA**, for recognizing the importance of this meeting and supporting us by volunteering to direct traffic to ensure that CD BWA attendees would be able to park near the YBA Hall.

OCTOBER MEETING

RUSS NAKANO presented his Capital Campaign Funding talk to the members on Oct 16, 2010.

NOVEMBER SERVICES

BWA will be responsible for the month's services (except Nov 14).

November 28th is a special memorial service for Eshinni-ko and Kakushinni-ko and for the late BWA members. **REV JAY SHINSEKI** will be the guest minister. BWA is arranging a luncheon and will take sign-ups for lunch.

DONATIONS

Gratefully Acknowledged

Dora Sugimoto

In memory of Hiro Sugimoto (\$100)

NEXT MEETING

Saturday 13th 9:00 AM

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

Udon Luncheon
December 5, 2010

Thank You for White Elephant Donations!

Dear Temple members and friends,

Thank you very much for your many donations of goods for the White Elephant Sales. Because of your generosity, we had a very successful event. The Senior Activities Group was pleased that we were able to donate \$1,500 towards the MVBT Capital Campaign from our proceeds.

Your kind support is truly appreciated. Most sincerely in gassho,

Reiko Murakami
Chairperson, White Elephant

150 Club News

We had a winner for the October, 2010, 150 Club winner, **Brad Takasuka**.

There are only 2 more monthly drawings, plus the big December bonus drawing.

Thank you all for participating in the 2010, 150 Club.

The new 2011 150 Club tickets will be available soon. Call your zone chairman for your lucky tickets.

Toban/Revised Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
NOV	Zones 7 & 8	Nov 18	Nov 12
DEC	Zones 9 & 10	Dec 16	Dec 10
JAN	Zones 11 & 12	Jan 20	Jan 14

Please note the revised article deadline, printing dates and email submission process. This is provide time to layout in the new format. Thank you.

Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org

Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

The Shotsuki (Monthly Memorial) Services are conducted and sponsored by the temple in memory of the past 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 Shotsuki loved ones are:



Tsutomu Akizuki
Frank Furuichi
Sunao Furusho
Hana Furuto
Eddie Higuchi
George Hirota
Fred Hoshi
Akira Hoshiko
Tom Ichikawa
Frank Ikebe
Irene Kakigi
Hideo Kato

Shigeaki Kihara
Eugene Kono
Kinuyo Kunimoto
Shigeiko Masaki
Gregory Matsumoto
Rose Morimoto
Haruko Nakamura
Yutaka Nakano
Ayako Nakashima
Teiichi Naritomi
Yoshio Nishimoto
Nobuo Oda

Walter Okino
Roy Ozawa
Tom Ozawa
Ichiro Sakae
Kosue Sakae
Akira Sasaki
Seikichi Shimoguchi
Sei Tachibana
Alice Takagi
Mildred Takegami
Kay Tanouye



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. Koyama.

E-mail
Phone (temple office)

dkoyama@comcast.net
650 964-9426

Nov
Monthly
Memorial
Service

Sunday
November 7th

10:00 am

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

Hiroshi Sugimoto **September 18, 2010**

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

Namo Amida Butsu



MVBT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—2nd in a Series

Let me tell you 'bout the birds and the bees/ and the flowers and the trees/ 'bout the moon up above/ and a thing called love...

Historically, the Mountain View Buddhist Temple has always had a love affair with the Youth. By this I mean everything from the very beginning was done for the sake of the children. I believe the expression; “Kodomo no tame ni” really does fit here. The teaching of the Dharma to our youths was definitely the start of something big and with it came necessary expansion and capital campaigns.

A BRIEF HISTORY

1932—MV Sunday school founded with original site near downtown MV off Villa St.

1954—Church leaders recognized the need to purchase a bigger site due to the popularity and growth of the Sunday school program, and the first capital campaign was launched with goal of \$25,000 to build a combination church/social hall.

1957—It was completed with the 1st campaign surpassing it's goal by raising about \$38,000.

1961—MV Buddhist Church attained independent status as a BCA Temple, and this is what we celebrate next year for our 50th Anniversary.

1966—the first “Master Plan” was established for a Temple complex

including a gymnasium, education buildings, a parsonage and a new Hondo. Education of our youths was again the primary concern as the Classrooms were the first buildings completed.

1971—Sangha Hall was completed

1973—the minister’s parsonage was completed

1979—the Hondo was dedicated

1980—the original church/social hall was officially renamed the “YBA Hall”

In the past, the acreage and the buildings on our current campus were the result of careful, painstaking planning by ad hoc committees which included a handful of dedicated farmers who personally signed for large loans to fulfill a dream and establish a monument for the future. The membership faced yet another major capital campaign to recompense the loan.

Historically, capital campaigns have always been a critical necessity to the continued success of the Temple’s goals. It has been over 25 years and the loans have long since been resolved by a highly successful capital campaigns for which the Temple members were faced at the time with a seemingly insurmountable amount of money to be raised.

The cause has always been just and remains to be focused on the youth. From our present, ever

expanding Dharma School, including the Fuji Club, the Miroku Group and YBA to the various Girl and Boy Scout Troops, the Temple provides abundant, safe facilities to operate the activities in such a way as to always being mindful of the True Teachings.

Our current Facilities Planning Committee under the capable co-chairmanship of Mel Inouye and Ed Ryu say we are now facing the need for yet another major capital campaign for the “**50th Anniversary Project.**” Now is the time to improve, renovate and expand our Hondo and YBA Hall by bringing them “up to code” for the safety, comfort and continued fulfillment of a dream...a dream that preserves the legacy of our founders and the security for our youth taking us 10, 20, even 50 years into the future, to our 100th anniversary and beyond!

Next month: What we need to raise.....the Challenge!

In gassho,
Russ Nakano
Chairperson

**The second
of a series
in regard
to our
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december 2010

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In this Echo—Eitaikyo & Keiro Kai November 14th



Don't miss the annual Eitaikyo service and Keiro Kai Luncheon. Great food and a full program to honor our Keiro.

You can also find a color pdf version online at:
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**In gassho,
The Echo Staff**

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