



## MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Volume 50 Number 1

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Anniversary

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Past, Present and Future

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- **12/31, Fri 7:00 PM**  
**Jo-ya E**  
Year-End Service  
**8:00 PM**  
Toshi-Koshi Soba
- **1/1, Sat 10:00 AM**  
**Shusho-E**  
New Year's Day Service
- **1/2, Sun**  
NO SERVICES
- **1/3, Mon, 7:30 PM**  
Religious Planning Mtg.
- **1/12, We, 7:30 PM**  
Temple Board Mtg.
- **1/16, Sun, 10:00 AM**  
**MVBT 50th Anniversary**  
**Hoonko Service**  
Guest Speaker: Rev. David  
Matsumoto, IBS and Berkeley  
Buddhist Temple
- **1/23, Sun, 11:00 AM**  
**Annual Mtg.**

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## The Lost Tickets

The Sunday before Thanksgiving, a member asked if I wanted to go to a San Jose Sharks game. He had two tickets but couldn't go and so offered them to me.



I have never been to a game and don't know the first thing about hockey. The member explained that it is a lot of fun and fast action, but there are also rules of

## By Reverend Dean Koyama

conduct: Unlike a baseball game, you can't come and go as you please if to go the bathroom or get a hot dog. (Do they serve hot dogs at hockey?) Because it is ice hockey, you should wear a jacket. And most of all, about 95% of the people wear some kind of team paraphernalia.

It sounded like fun, so I accepted the tickets. I then called my sons who would be back home from college to see if they wanted to go. They both thought it would be fun too. So it was all set, the boys would go to the Sharks game and I would help Linda get ready for Thanksgiving dinner.

One son arrived home early on the morning of the game and the other arrived later that afternoon. Knowing parking was going to be a problem, I suggested they leave no later than 6:30.

Around 5:30, I began to look for the tickets. Normally, when I come home, I put my keys, wallet, cell phone and mail on the dining room table. And normally, there is a pile of stuff on that table.

But because of Thanksgiving, my lovely and efficient wife cleared off the table and already set it up for our Thanksgiving Day dinner. A new tablecloth had been laid, the china and silverware was already

## President's Message—People Behind the Scenes

## By Glenn Kitasoe

Most people do not realize how much effort it takes to run a Temple. Every day, something is going on. These members never ask for acknowledgement or reward, I am sure they don't even want their names in print. I would like to recognize them for all they do.

Reverend and Mrs. Dean Koyama

## Altar Flowers

Jean Higa and Judy Nakano.

## Echo Staff

Amy Imai, Toshiko Kawamoto, George Abey, Muneo Masaki, Jits & Jean Higa, Carolyn Sakae, Kimi Kunitomo, Kimi Nishimura, Alice Ikenaga, Haruye Hoshi, Jeanne Ohara, Isamu Higa, Laurie Iwami and June Yusa.

## Wed Maintenance Group:

Allan Nara, Yosh Umamoto, Ben Horita, Alan Hoshi, Muneo Masaki and Aki Nakano.

## Friday Tree Trimming Crew

Jeanne Ohara, Haruye Hoshi, Alan



We have over 500 members at Mountain View Buddhist Temple, and like most large organizations there are few members who make a difference.

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## Mountain View Buddhist Temple

## Religious Planning Committee Report—December/January

Dec 19th 10:00 AM O-Soji (Temple Cleaning)

Dec 26th, Sunday

**NO SERVICES AT TEMPLE**

Dec 31st 7:00 PM Joya-e Service (New Year's Eve)

Jan 1st, Saturday, 10:00 AM Shusho-e Service (New Year's Day)

Jan 2nd Sunday

**NO SERVICES AT TEMPLE**

Jan 9th, Sunday, 10:00 AM

Rev. Koyama is out of town. ABA to chair services.



Jan 16th, Sunday, 10:00 AM Hoonko Service

Guest Speaker will be Rev. David Matsumoto of the Berkeley Buddhist Temple.



Jan 23rd, Sunday, 10:00 AM Temple Board & BWA Installation

The Temple Annual Meeting will be held in Hondo following service. There will also be a Past Presidents Luncheon to follow meeting.



### 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**



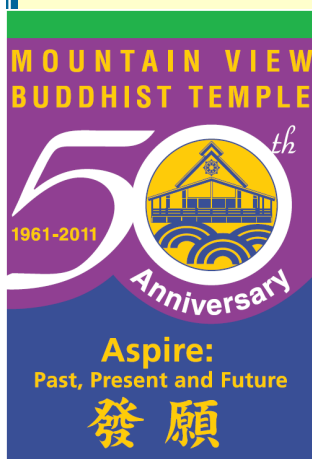
**O-asaji (Morning Chanting)—8:30 AM**



**Adult Discussion—11:00 AM**



**Dharma School—11:00 AM**



## 50th Anniversary Meeting

*January 10th, 2010, 7:00 pm, YBA Hall Conference Room*

Meetings for the 50th anniversary will be the second Monday of every month, unless otherwise stated. Mark the dates on your calendar.

These meetings are important, with critical decisions being made and your input. Pass on the information to your organization on the progress.

Please note that the date of the 50th Anniversary date has been changed to **March 17th and 18th, 2012.**

**PLEASE ATTEND.**

**The Lost Tickets (Cont'd from Page 1)**

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in their proper places, and the wineglasses had been washed. Gone were the piles of letters, bills, magazines and catalogues. Gone was the envelope that had the tickets for the Sharks game. So, I meekly asked my compassionate wife, where she put the tickets.

Her reply was, "I didn't see them. Where did you put them?"

My soft-spoken reply was, "I put them on the table with all the mail and stuff that was piling up. But I left it out in plain sight knowing that we had to use it soon."

"Well, if you left it on the table, I put everything in a shopping bag and put it in our room, but I'm sure it wasn't on the table. I didn't see it. I didn't touch it."

I went upstairs to look for the tickets. There were 3 shopping bags of assorted "stuff". I went through each one, but couldn't find the tickets. Time was running out and I began to panic.

"It's not here!!!" I yelled downstairs. My thoughtful but helpful wife began to also look. "Maybe you left them in your office."

Desperate, I went to my office. Luckily it is only 30 seconds away. Just a week ago, my desk had been filled with 3 piles of papers that needed my attention. But Tuesday, I spent all day clearing my desk off, so I knew the tickets weren't on my desk. I looked anyway. No luck, no tickets.

By now, it was 7:00 PM. I had to break the news to my sons, "Sorry, I couldn't find the tickets." One of my sons who had put on a San Jose

Sharks hat said, "That's okay." Instead, we spent the cleaning the house, watching a movie and playing a family game of "Apples to Apples" and "Scattergories."

For the next several days, I kept wondering what happened to those tickets. I looked in the trash, the recycle bin and re-looked in those shopping bags and my office.

Then, **I began the process of placing blame.** I knew I put them on the table. My wife must have accidentally put them somewhere. I even checked under the tablecloth thinking that she may have just covered it by mistake.

Perhaps Niko, our dog, had gotten up on the dining room table and eaten the tickets when we had left him alone in the house. The tickets must have grown legs and walked out because they were nowhere to be seen.

A week later, I had a Center for Buddhist Education meeting at our Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley. I gathered all my notes, files, and paper and put them in my briefcase.

As the meeting started, I reached into my briefcase for a pen and felt an envelope. I opened the envelope and found the tickets. I must have put them in my briefcase, but I can't recall ever doing it. I can't even think of why I would have put them in there in the first place. Yet I was the only person that had access to this briefcase.

**I had been so sure that I brought home the envelope** with the tickets and placed them

on the dining room table. I would have staked my life on it. **But the reality is that the tickets were in my briefcase.**

Sometimes we are so certain of our actions or what we see that we convince ourselves that we are right and then we blame others. Yet often, the reality is that we are mistaken or have forgotten what we did simply because we weren't paying attention.

**The Buddha's Aspiration is to have all sentient beings awaken:** Awaken to the truths that life is in constant change and that all life is dependent upon each other. Awaken to the reality of our human limitations and be able to admit our faults and weaknesses. But most of all Awaken to the reality that just as we are, we constantly receive the benefits of the wisdom and compassion of others. When we awaken to this, we can't help but feel a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation.

So before I forget, I thank all of you, who have helped make the year 2010 so special to my family and me. Despite my many faults and limitations, you continue to treat me with respect and support. I am deeply grateful. And may the New Year of 2011, the 50th anniversary year as an independent temple of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, be one filled with much joy, fun and Nembutsu.

**Gassho,**

**Rev. Dean, Linda  
Justin, Curtis, Tommy & Niko**



## President's Message—People Behind the Scenes (Cont'd fr. Page 1)

Hoshi, Gary Hirotsu, Steve Tashiro, Bob Tanaka, Isamu Higa, Jits and Jean Higa, Yukiko Higa, Aggie Hirotsu, Karen Tashiro, and Dola Tanaka.

### **Temple Office Volunteers:**

Amy Imai, Kimi Nishimura, Arleen Tahara, Dorothy Chikasuye, Aiko Sugimoto, Mitsue Fukuda, Carolyn Sakae, Sumi Uyeda, Audrey Inouye, Alice Ikenaga, Miyo Takegami, Megan Matsumoto, Heidi Terada, Kimi Kunimoto, and Eileen Fujikawa.

### **O-asaji Group**

Ken Nakano, Dennis Tsukagawa, Aiko Sugimoto, Aggie Hirotsu, Ed Tsumura, Mitsue Fukuda, Derek Ives, Irene Hashimoto, Marie Jacobs, Kimi Nishimura, Karen Sakae, Miyo Takegami, and Heidi Terada.

### **MVBT Cabinet**

Bob Imai, John Arima, Don Fukuma, Jean Higa, Allan Jacobs, Bob Tanaka, Sterling Makishima, Irving Ozawa, Eric Arakaki, Bob Yamanaga, Gary Tahara, Amy Imai, Toshiko Kawamoto, Rich Endo, Russ Nakano, Ron Murata, Allan Nara, Bob Matsumoto, Bruce Morimoto and Min Uyehara.

### **Dharma School:**

Jill Kunishige, Debbie Ho, Tracey Mukoyama, Esther Bunya, Chau Arima, Linda Koyama, Debby Inenaga, Reiko Tsuchida, Frances Sawamura, Toshiko Uyehara, Diane Umemoto, Gail Satake-Nakamura, Sharon Tsukahara, Joan Aoki, Carol and Carey Harbin, John Arima, Marie Ochi-Jacobs, Akemi Flynn-Do, Hien Do, Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto, Leslie Imai, Sue Yuen, and Elise Fujimoto.

These people are exceptional in their dedication to the Temple. Any chance you get please thank them and tell them how much you appreciate what they do for us.

Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday and Wonderful Healthy New Year!

**In Gassho,**

**Glenn Kitasoe**

## Congratulations 2011 ABA Board

<b>President</b> .....	<b>Sterling Makishima</b>
<b>Vice President</b> .....	<b>Dennis Tsukagawa</b>
<b>Recording Secretary</b> .....	<b>Audrey Inouye</b>
<b>Asst Recording Secretary</b> .....	<b>Eileen Fujikawa</b>
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b> .....	<b>Ann Uyehara</b>
<b>Asst Corresponding Secretary</b> .....	<b>Marilyn Ozawa</b>
<b>Treasurer</b> .....	<b>Don Fukuma</b>
<b>Auditor</b> .....	<b>Steve Tsuchida</b>
<b>Historian</b> .....	<b>Alice Ishida</b>
<b>Asst Historian</b> .....	<b>Carolyn Murata</b>
<b>Co-Social Chairpersons</b> .....	<b>Alice Ikenaga &amp; Judy Nakano</b>
<b>Membership Chairperson</b> .....	<b>Reiko Tsuchida</b>
<b>Asst Membership Chairperson</b> .....	<b>Jeanne Ohara</b>
<b>Hospitality Chairperson</b> .....	<b>Julie Ushiba</b>
<b>Advisors</b> .....	<b>Rev Dean Koyama &amp; Ron Murata</b>

# The ECHO

## Thank You from Dharma School—Donations & Activities



Although a bit tardy, we would like to recognize 17 new/returning Dharma school students this year.

### Pre-K

Emi Hirabayashi  
Kendall Inouye  
Miya Kosakura  
Jillian Lee  
Even Vanderwouw  
Jeremy Tao

### Kindergarten

Ryan Tsunoda  
Joey Lee

### 1st Grade

Kendall Vanderwouw

### 5th Grade

Zachary LoBlue  
Lucas Wai

### 7th Grade

Leo Wai

### High School

Heather Fong  
Emily Liu  
Brandon Okumura  
Victoria Okumura  
Katie Kobashigawa

We are very excited to having them as part of our Sangha! Please welcome them and their families to our Dharma school.

### DONATIONS

Gratefully Acknowledged

Yas Shimoguchi memorial  
—**May & Jean Shimoguchi**

### BIRTHDAYS

Erin Hamasaki  
—**Craig & Betty Hamasaki**

Lauren Ho  
—**Debbie & Thomas Ho**

Evan & Allyson Itoh  
—**Jeff & Katie Itoh**  
—**Ryohei & Joyce Tamaru**

Scott Morimoto  
—**Bruce & Joy Morimoto**

Erin Nishimura  
—**Diane & Craig Nishimura**

Evan Tsukahara  
—**Sharon & Ken Tsukahara**

Jenna Wakimoto  
—**Jon Wakimoto & Karen Bunya**

Jana Woo  
—**Aaron & Kelly Kaneko**

Douglas Zolezzi  
—**Sharon Zolezzi**

## Celebrate the New Year with ABA on January 8th!

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Help ABA celebrate the beginning of 2011 at our new year/ installation dinner!

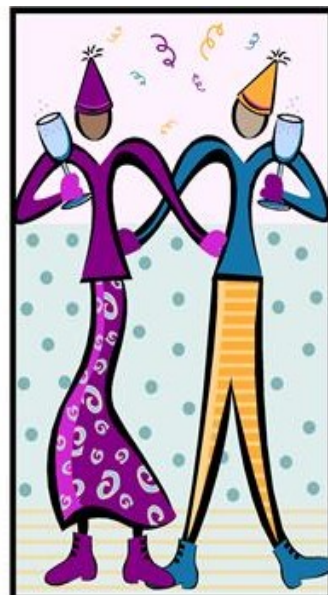
Saturday, January 8, 2011  
6:00pm-9:30pm  
Michael's at Shoreline  
Mountain View, CA

Cost: \$37.00 or \$27.00 depending on your entrée choice  
Call Ann Uyehara or Audrey Inouye by Dec 20, 2010 if you are interested in coming to dinner.

(Please note that the actual installation will take place at the January 23rd Sunday service.)

**A Big Thank You to Aggie and the rest of the ABA members** that help with feeding all those hungry volunteers at the annual mochitsuki. Thanks to all the members who came out to help.

ABA gratefully acknowledges generous donation from Ron & Carolyn Murata in memory of Ron's father, Lee Murata.



**Save the Date!**

**ABA New Year's Dinner**

**Jan 8th**

## 2011 Volunteers Needed—Spiritual Care @ Stanford Hospital

As the roster of volunteers has become small because of attrition, there is a real need for more interested and compassionate people to enter into the Spiritual Care visitation program.

Training dates are not yet confirmed but will be scheduled for

sometime in late February or early March.

Anyone interested should contact the Stanford Hospital Spiritual Care office and speak to Gretchen at: 650/723-5101 or any staff member at that number.



## Rennyo Shonin & His Model for Propagation in the Modern World

**Rennyo Shonin is sometimes described as the “Second Founder” because of his great success in developing the Hongwanji organization.**

**What was it that made his endeavors successful?**

### **John Arima's Response**

There are four major factors that made Rennyo Shonin's endeavors in development of the Hongwanji organization successful. The first factor is the media through which Rennyo provided direct communication to the monto, followers of Jodo Shinshu who often formed small dojo as congregational locations. In conjunction with this distribution media, Rennyo dealt honestly and directly with misinterpretation of the dharma.

The second factor is Rennyo's sensitivity to the social influence of the Jodo Shinshu teachings on its followers and their actions in response those teachings.

The third factor is Omi Prefecture's position as a commercial and communication center of Japan during this period.

The fourth factor is the organizational structure that Rennyo strengthened throughout the Hongwanji system of temples.

**Is there anything that we can learn from him to support our contemporary propagation of Jodo Shinshu?**

### **John Arima's Response**

With regard to contemporary propagation of Jodo Shinshu, the key is to follow the model set by Rennyo and to apply contemporary equivalents.

For the first major factor of Rennyo's success, the proper choice of a communication medium, the Internet is a logical contemporary extension Rennyo's use of ofumi.

For the second factor, a sensitivity to the social influence of Jodo Shinshu teachings, realization that the prevalent perceptions of Buddhism today, especially in North America, are of other forms of Buddhist practice. Jodo Shinshu education in North America should be built upon a student with preconceived notions of what Buddhism is.

For the third factor, finding a location that is a commercial and communications center, the focus again comes back to the Internet.

Finally, for the fourth factor, the organizational structure, more centralized control is required. For example, the Buddhist Churches of America is organized with minimal permanent staff at its headquarters. A National Board that turns over its leadership on a regular basis handles the majority of the management.

By design, this management structure cannot consistently support long-term programs. Without an increased amount of centralized control and the appropriate level of staffing to support it, BCA headquarters cannot manage long-term programs to propagate Jodo Shinshu teachings across the continental United States. A management study applying the model set by Rennyo in a contemporary context is required to determine the specific details, but with the foundation of the equivalents cited, many positive changes could be implemented to better propagate Jodo Shinshu.

**The following is a short overview of John Arima's response to questions posed**

**in the JSCC History of Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course.**

**To read the complete essay, please go to**

**[www.mvbuddhisttemple.org](http://www.mvbuddhisttemple.org)**

## YBA Spaghetti Dinner Coming Up February 5th

**YBA  
Updates**

On November 21st, several of the YBA members attend a mini retreat held in San Jose. The purpose of the retreat was to help the Coast District YBA members in the planning of the March conference. The Coast District cabinet has been working hard on the conference all year long.

The YBA held its first fundraiser of the year on December 4th. The Bake Sale was held in the Sangha Hall with the Udon Lunch and the Crafts Sale. The Bake Sale was headed by Alec Matsumoto,

Camille Hironaka, and Haley Sawamura. Without their organizing and planning the Bake Sale would not have been possible. Thank you to all the members who brought delicious and tempting baked goods. Overall the Bake Sale was a success and the proceeds will go to the Capital Campaign.

The YBA would like to let everyone know that the annual Spaghetti Dinner will be on Saturday, February 5th, 2011. Please save the date and more information will be coming soon.

In addition, the YBA will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on January 16th.

The proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast will go to the Capital Campaign. Please save this date as well.

**In Gassho,**

**Ashley Andrews  
YBA President, 2010-2011**

### Mountain View YBA Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo

February 5, 2011



**Spaghetti Dinner: \$8.00**

**Bingo: \$5.00**

**Dinner will be served from 5:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Bingo will be from 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

Tickets and take out are available at the door

If there are any further questions please contact Nicole Andrews at: [nicoletandrews@yahoo.com](mailto:nicoletandrews@yahoo.com) or call (408) 636-6993

## YBA Spaghetti Dinner Order Form

Mountain View Buddhist Temple Gym  
575 North Shoreline Blvd.  
Mountain View, CA, 94043

**Order Deadline: January 30, 2011**

**Mountain View YBA Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Fundraiser  
Saturday February 5, 2011  
5 PM to 8 PM**

The Mountain View Young Buddhist Association (YBA) is pleased to announce that our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be held on February 5, 2011. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a delicious meal and a fun night with other temple members. The dinner will cost \$8.00 per person, and if you would like to play Bingo too, it will cost \$5 per person. Dinner will be served from 5-7 PM, and Bingo will be played from 6-8 PM. Proceeds allow the YBA members to attend conferences as well as pay for other activities throughout the year. We also appreciate any donated goods, services, and of course any monetary donations. We all hope to see you there!

**To Pre-Order Dinners:**

- Please fill out the order form below
- Submit pre-payment and this order form in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope, or drop off in the MVBT Temple Office.

**Checks should be made payable to: Mountain View YBA**

Please pre-order if possible. A limited amount of Dinner and Bingo tickets may also be purchased at the door. If you have any questions about the dinner or bingo donations, please contact **Nicole Andrews at (408) 636-6993**. Thank you very much for your continued support of the Mountain View YBA.

In Gassho,

Nicole Andrews  
Spaghetti Dinner Chairperson

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check on box: [ ] Eat In -OR- [ ] Take Out

	<u>QUANTITY</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
Number of Dinners:	_____	x \$8.00	\$ _____
Number of Bingo:	_____	x \$5.00	\$ _____
Additional Donations			\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed			\$ _____

## Senior Activities Start Up on January 6, 2011

### Senior Activities

#### NO ACTIVITIES OR CRAFT PROGRAM IN DECEMBER

We will resume on Thurs, Jan. 6th.

We have many exciting trips and events planned for 2011. Thank you for your support throughout the year. It is through your support that we are able to continue with these activities.

Starting with January 20th Thursday, we will be showing a movie titled "Hachiko". Lunch will be provided starting at 11:30 AM. Please plan to join us.

We wish you a safe & healthy 2011.

#### ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS RESUME ON JAN 6, 2011

We provide light refreshments of tea, coffee and pastry. A great time to make new friends, socializing and exchanging new ideas. It is also fun to plan projects together. Everyone is welcome from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon, every Thursday.

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 ac-

tivities that are planned during the year. These donations enhance the operation of our program.

Arigato.

From the Senior Friends, we wish you all a Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year.

## Don't Miss Hachiko Monogatari—Thurs, Jan 20, 2011

This heart-warming 1987 Japanese film is based on the true story of Hachiko, an Akita dog, which belonged to Hidesaburo Ueno, a professor at the University of Tokyo.

This remarkable, loyal, faithful Akita dog, saw his master off at the front door of their home and

greeted him daily at the end of the day at the nearby Shibuya train station as his master returned from work. This routine went on from 1924 to 1925. This daily routine came to an sudden end when the professor died of a stroke while at work. Even after Hachiko was given to another

family he continued his daily wait at the train station for the next 10 years. Hachiko became a national hero and symbol of loyalty so that in 1934 a bronze statue of him was erected at the exact location at the Shibuya station. This movie has English subtitles.

### 150 Club News

We had a winner for the December, 2010, 150 Club, **Austin Ozawa** and the BONUS winner was **Frances Sawamura**.

Thank you all for participating in the 2010, 150 Club. The new 2011, 150 Club tickets are now available.

Call your zone chairman for your lucky tickets.

### Toban/Revised Echo Schedule

	Toban	Echo	Article Deadline
JAN	Zones 11 & 12	Jan 20	Jan 14
FEB	Zones 13 & 1	Feb 17	Feb 11
MAR	Zones 2 & 3	Mar 17	Mar 11

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](mailto:echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org)

## Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial Service)

Due to scheduling conflicts, the January Shotsuki Service was combined with the December Monthly Memorial Service on December 5th. Thus, there will no January Shotsuki Service.. The February Shotsuki service will take place on February 6th.

## Family Memorial Services

Traditionally, Family Memorial Services are conducted for loved ones on certain anniversaries. If your loved one passed away in one of the following years, you may wish to schedule a family memorial service:

### ARRANGING SERVICES

As the schedule for the temple tends to fill quickly, you are advised to make arrangements with Rev. Koyama and the temple as soon as possible to accommodate your date and time requests.

Call the temple office at (650) 964-9426 or e-mail Rev. Koyama at [dkoyama@comcast.net](mailto:dkoyama@comcast.net).

Year of Death	Service
2010	1st year
2009	3rd annual
2005	7th annual
1999	13th annual
1994	17th annual
1987	25th annual
1979	33rd annual
1962	50th annual
1912	100th annual

## Udon Fundraiser—Proceeds Donated to MVBT 50th!

### BWA FUNDRAISER

The udon luncheon was very successful—a sellout—so **A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** for the help and support provided by so many people. BWA expresses its heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all.

*Proceeds from this fundraiser to be donated to the MVBT Capital Campaign Fund.*

### ESHINNI-KO SERVICE

**REV. JAY SHINSEKI** was the guest minister. This special service sponsored by BWA was very well attended. 51 people enjoyed the luncheon at Su Hong Restaurant in honor of the guest.

### SPECIAL THANK YOU

**TOSHIKO KAWAMOTO** who represented BWA and had taken the responsibility for 6 years, serving continental breakfast to all the guest ministers before each service. Our sincere gratitude to her!

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Held on Saturday, December 11th

### DONATIONS

*Gratefully Acknowledged*

### **Anonymous**

Special donation (\$100)

### IMPORTANT BWA MEETING

#### JANUARY 15, 2011

12:30 – 1:00 PM—

CD BWL cabinet & representatives

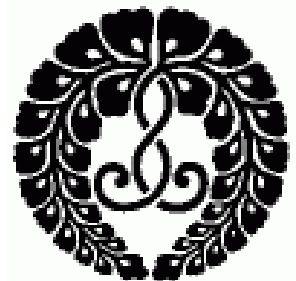
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Federation BWA cabinet & delegates

### NEXT BWA MEETING

Saturday, January 15th, 9:00 AM

(3rd Saturday)



**Buddhist  
Women's  
Association**

## MVBT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—4th in a Series

*The fourth of a series in regard to our MVBT Capital Campaign*

Our primary goal for the MVBT 50th Anniversary Project is **\$3.65 million**. For the current membership of 526, this would require a yearly pledge of \$1,400 for five years, or a five-year monthly pledge of \$117 per individual member. A total donation \$7,000 per member is needed to fund this first phase of our Master Plan.

Our ultimate goal is to build what we can afford, and we will scale the projects to reflect the funds we receive. We will not expose the Temple to financial loss.

Temple members have worked hard over the years especially during Obon to build Expansion Fund accounts to help cover any shortfall in our capital campaign, but it would be ideal to raise the amount needed and to save seed money for future renovation phases.

Your decision to give is ultimately a personal one. All gifts will be accepted with gratitude and all will

help our Temple's future growth. I would like to thank the following Temple affiliates for their early donations to the Campaign:

**The Dharma School** "broke the ice" as our 1st donor back in June with a donation of \$500.

**The Senior Activities Group** in October donated "White Elephant" proceeds of \$1,500.

**ABA** generously donated \$5000 from their October fundraiser dance, "Keep ON Dancin'"

**BWA** dedicated proceeds from their Udon Fundraiser Lunch.

**YBA** also pledged proceeds from their bake sale to the campaign.

We will make presentations to all Temple affiliates and outside organizations who use Temple facilities to thank them for their support physically and hopefully, monetarily with the campaign project.

Thank you also to our Temple members for their early donations:

**Julie & Ed Ryu** won the cash raffle at the ABA Fundraiser Dance then generously relinquished all of it immediately to the campaign.

**May Shimoguchi and her daughter Jean** donated a portion of the koden received in memory of their beloved Yas.

**Sumi and Chuck Uyeda** were the first ones from the Board of Directors to give their five-year pledge!

A Capital Campaign pamphlet will soon be available to explain how to pledge and give, but if you wish to give this calendar year, the donation/pledge forms are available in the Temple office.

Questions? Phone: 408-733-7289 or email: rlnakano@aol.com

**In gassho,**  
**Russ Nakano, Chairperson**

*Use this information as a guide for the amount and timing of your donation. Modest monthly contributions can amount to a significant total pledge amount.*

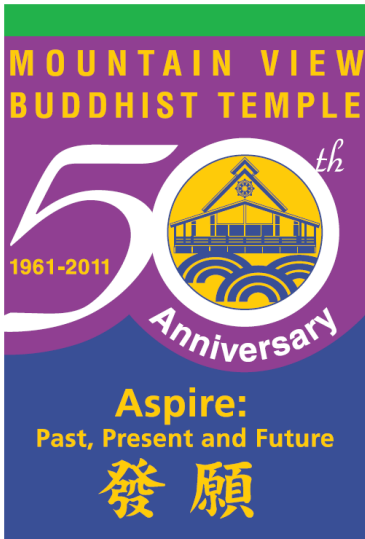
<b>Monthly cost of giving (over five years)</b>		
<b>Amount per month</b>	<b>Amount per year</b>	<b>Total pledge amount</b>
\$10	\$120	\$600
\$25	\$300	\$1,500
\$60	\$720	\$3,600
\$117	\$1,400	\$7,000
\$150	\$1,800	\$9,000
\$234	\$2,800	\$14,000
\$417	\$5,000	\$25,000

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## Celebrating our 50th Anniversary



2011 ushers in MVBT's 50th Anniversary. There are many special events planned, so be sure to check with your Zone leaders or the office for updates.

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

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