August Highlights

- 8/28, Sun 10:00 am
  Sunday Service
  No Dharma School

- 8/28, Sun, 12:30 pm
  Seminar with Rev. Tanaka & Rev. Kobata

September Highlights

- 9/11, Sun 10:00 am
  Shonku Hoyo
  Sunday Service
  Dharma School Starts

- 9/18, Sun, 10:00 am
  Fall Obikan with MVBT 55th & BWA 60th Anniversary Celebrations
  12 noon - Kieshiki Affirmation
  1:00 pm—BWA Hosted Luncheon

- 9/25 Sun, 10 am
  Sangha Day Picnic at Cuesta Park
  No services at Temple

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The World We Will See Again as Buddhas

It is such a great sadness that Rev. Shousei Hanayama passed away in Japan this past July. He was just 51. It wrings my heart to think about his grief and sorrow, leaving his loving wife and two young children behind.

Although he had complained about his poor physical condition since last November, no matter how often he saw doctors, nobody was able to diagnose his disease. He took strong painkillers because of the acute pain that wracked some parts of his body.

After a complete examination this past March, Hanayama Sensei was finally diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Surgery at Stanford Hospital was planned for him, but the day before it was scheduled, a PET scan revealed the cancer had spread and surgery was no longer an option.

I was with him when he received this news. When he said to me with a smile, "I might die," I could hardly imagine what he must have been feeling. It was an extremely cruel moment that I will never forget.

I had a close relationship with Hanayama Sensei through the Seabrook Buddhist Temple in New Jersey. Sensei, a Seabrook native, joined the BCA in 1999 and returned to the Seabrook Buddhist Temple as its resident minister. In 2001, he was transferred to the Watsonville Buddhist Temple after which I was assigned to Seabrook to take his place. It was my first U.S. Temple. At that time, he gave me guidance and, over the years, we deepened our friendship. So it was especially hard to hear him utter those three words, "I might die."

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Thank You to MVBT Sangha!

I would like to take this time to thank the Sangha, all the Temple affiliated organizations, volunteers, Obon co-chair Steve Tsuchida and luncheon, as we celebrate Mountain View Buddhist Temple’s 55th anniversary and BWA’s 60th anniversary. I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for the foresight and dedication of our Temple founders and all of our Temple Sangha throughout these 55 years.

I hope to see all of you on Sunday, September 18, at the Ki-shiki Service and BWA hosted

By Peter Matsumoto

MVBT President

Reverend Mukojima for all the dedicated work that contributed to a successful Obon.

With September quickly upon us, welcome back to our Dharma School, as we start a new year of learning the Dharma.

In Gassho,

Peter Matsumoto

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*Note: The schedule includes various activities such as meetings, seminars, and Troop activities.*
**Religious Planning — August & September 2016**

**August 28, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sunday Service**
No Dharma School classes

**August 28, 2016, Sunday, 12:30 pm — Seminar**
12:30 pm: ABA Seminar with Guests Rev. Dr. Ken Tanaka and Rev. Ron Kobata
Theme: LIVELY (Laugh, Inspire, Value, Enlighten, Youthful)...
"Reflecting on 50 years of Shin Buddhist Life from YBA Youths to Senior Ministers"

**September 11, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Shotsuki Hoyo for August & September**
Sunday Services and Dharma School's first day of new school year
Dharma School Cabinet and YBA Cabinet Installations
Welcome Back Luncheon sponsored by Dharma School

11:00 am Japanese Language Service

**September 18, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. — Fall Ohigan Service with 55th Temple Anniversary & 60th BWA Anniversary Observances**

Guest Speaker: Bishop Kodo Umezuz
10:00 am Fall Ohigan Service with MVBT 55th Anniversary & BWA 60th Anniversary Observances
12 noon - 1:45 pm Sarana Kieshiki Affirmation Ceremony
1:00 pm Luncheon hosted by BWA

**September 25, 2016, Sunday, 10:00 am — Sangha Day Picnic at Cuesta Park**
No services at the Temple

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**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.

**2016 is the memorial year for those who passed away in:**

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When I visited him at home a month before he and his family returned to Japan, I didn’t know what to say. But Sensei understood my awkwardness and loosened things up by making jokes in spite of the acute pain he was suffering. Despite his circumstances, he had the gift of making others smile. I could appreciate his unique character and personality even in such difficult times. And when I said to him, “I am sorry that I cannot do anything for you…” he simply told me, “Please continue to work hard for the welfare of your Temple and Sangha and share the Nembutsu teaching with many more people. It is my wish for you.”

Since he first joined the BCA as a Kaikyoshi minister, Hanayama Sensei always thought of the future of the BCA, devoting his life to spreading the Nembutsu teaching for the 17 years of his missionary life in America. Proof of his enthusiasm was that he sometimes argued with other ministers due to the difference of views and values between them. But he was also a straightforward, dynamic person who afterwards would smile and chat pleasantly with his colleagues as if there had been no disagreement.

While serving at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, he married Keiko and they had two sweet children. They built a trusting relationship with their Sangha members as if they were part of each member’s family, and together shared their love through the Nembutsu teaching. By seeing how he lived, I learned many valuable ways to share the teaching with others. I will try harder to do my best while emulating his sincere spirit for Nembutsu teaching. In this way, I can repay the favor received from him for many years.

Something else that will stay with me is his saying, “I am really grateful that there is the Pure Land.” Because of the relentless pain that plagued him every day without let-up, he couldn’t help but feel deep despair and sometimes utter anguished thoughts like, “I wish someone could kill me.” But although he struggled with an uncertain future, the Nembutsu teaching that he would be born in the Pure Land and attain Buddhahood in the afterlife gave him support for the remainder of his life. He truly appreciated the world of the Pure land and really looked forward to seeing his beloved father and his older sister (who died young) again as Buddhas.

“When I am born in the Pure Land, I have a lot to catch up on with my dad and sister,” he told me lightheartedly. “But when I have done that, I will return to this world as a Buddha and lead you more than before.” So though he was being humorous, Hanayama Sensei reminded me of our return to this world as a Buddha. This is one of the most important teachings in Jodo Shinshu Buddhism.

Just as Hanayama Sensei rejoiced in the promise of the Pure Land, the Nembutsu is the teaching that resolves the matter of our birth and death. We sometimes have to experience unbearable sadness and hardship as part of this precious life that we have received. But because we are guaranteed birth as a Buddha in the Pure Land, we are free to take the great Nembutsu path and try to do our best to live our lives to the fullest with strength, joy, and gratitude, just as Hanayama Sensei did.

The most important thing in the life of a Nembutsu follower is that when our mortal life ends, we

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will surely be born in the Pure Land because of the great power of Amida Buddha’s primal vow. We call the Pure Land “Kue-Isho” and rejoice in its existence where we see again as Buddhas. So when it was time to end my visit, I squeezed my friend’s hands and promised to see him again in the Pure Land. He responded, “Well, we don’t need to say Goodbye then, right?” and saw me off with a smile.

Hanayama Sensei did a great job not only for the Coast District but also for the prosperity of the BCA and its Sangha. He truly appreciated his Temple and its members and was extremely generous with his gifts, his time and his efforts. He always worked so hard, but he also had the ability to make the work fun because of his friendliness, cheerfulness and good humor. He had a profound influence on many of us during the 17 years of his missionary life in the BCA. And today his influence continues to live in the warmth of putting palms together in Gassho and in the reassuring voice of our Nembutsu.

While emulating his great spirit of spreading the Nembutsu teaching to as many people as possible, I sincerely hope that each of us will rejoice in the fact that we are guaranteed birth in the Pure Land as a Buddha so that we will be able to share the joy of Nembutsu of the Primal Vow with those we leave behind.

I offer my deepest condolences to the Hanayama family and to all the members of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. I really miss such a great minister and Dharma friend.

In Gassho,

SANGHA DAY PICNIC

Sunday, September 25th
Cuesta Park, Mountain View

All Temple members and their families are invited. Please join us for a day of camaraderie, great food and fun games.

10:00 am ................ Service
11:00 am ............ Children’s Races
12:00 noon .......... Barbecue Lunch
1:30 pm ............. Bingo
2:30 pm ............. Raffle
3:00 pm ............. Clean up

A representative of your zone or affiliated organization will be calling you for a head count and for a potluck contribution of either a salad, rice or dessert.

If you wish to attend but have not been contacted by September 17th, please email or call Bruce Inenaga (inenagab@gmail.com) 408-507-6051
Seniors Activity Group — Resumes Thursday, September 1

Senior Hours
Every Thursdays,
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Light refreshment of coffee, tea
and desserts are always provided.
Everyone is welcome to
join in to share new ideas and to
make new friends.

Upcoming Activities
September 1, Thursday: We
will resume our Senior Activities
and Craft program. We hope you
all had a safe and healthy summer
break.

September 8, Thursday: We will
make manju for the Midori Kai
Boutique to be held on Saturday,
September 10. We will again ask
for your unselfish time and sup-
port. This is our only fundraiser
that subsidizes our trips and
lunches that we are able to pro-
vide for our Seniors. Thank you all
in advance for continued support.

Cookbooks Available
Only $18.00
The Senior Cook Book is still
available at the Temple office or
from any of the committee mem-
bers.

Knit with Debbie
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Debbie Kitani has been very
helpful with the Senior Craft Class
every Thursday morning, showing
the ladies many new ideas in knit-
ning and different crafts

Line Dancing
9:15 am-10:00 am
Line dancing with Naomi Ari-
yama instructing with Reiko
Tsuchida and Toshiko Uyehara
assisting.

Sing Along plus Exercise
10:00 - 10:30 am
Join Kinji Ushiba with the "Sing
Along Group."

10:30 - 11:00 am
We have included with the Sing
Along a upper body exercise as
you sing along, lead by Julie
Ushiba. What better way to start
your day, with a light exercise.

TaiKO
11:15 to 11:45 am
We will continue Taiko instructed
by Susan Yuen.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

ABA News

Congratulations to Peter
Matsumoto and Steve Tsuchida for
organizing another successful
Obon festival.

Thanks to all of the ABA
members who staffed the Corn
Dog and French Fries booth at
the Bazaar. And big thanks to
Alice Ishida for organizing the
work shifts, recipes and staffing.

We were very saddened by
the passing of Rev. Hanayama.
ABA members and the organiza-
tion donated to his fund.

All ABA members are en-
courage to attend MVBT’s 55th
Anniversary service and celebra-
tion on Sunday, September 18.
Service will begin at 10:00 am
followed by a lunch hosted by the
BWA.
Hi Everyone! I hope your summer is going well.

OBON TEAMWORK
Thank you to all of our Dharma School students, parents and teachers for helping out at Obon. We had great weather, great community, and great support from everyone. We are very grateful for all of your time and dedication to support our Temple.

A very special thank you to Janell Tao, Cheryl Shay and Devon Matsumoto for taking on the large responsibility for being in-charge of our Dharma School game booths - Duck Pond, Grab Bag and Shooting Gallery. Thank you to Julie Endo Uyekubo, who coordinated the booth workshift sign-ups, and to Traci Inouye, who organized our Dharma School classroom display. Thank you to Carol Harbin for again coordinating sales of our Dharma School cookbooks along with the sales of the senior group cookbooks, Temple aprons and nenju’s. And thank you to Janell Tao and Cindy Hiroshige for being our master cooks in the kitchen and coordinating the Tuesday night dinner for the Obon de-construction crew.

Thank you also to coordinator Tricia Hojo and all of the Dharma School volunteers who helped with clearing out the classrooms, YBA Hall and Sangha Hall so that the floors can get their annual cleaning.

DHARMA SCHOOL STARTS
The new Dharma School year is just around the corner and we’re looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday, September 11. Dharma School parents - be sure not to miss our annual Dharma School parents meeting held right after service during the Dharma School classroom time that day. We will be giving a brief overview of the Dharma School program and have everyone sign-up for their volunteer duties for the Dharma School year.

See you soon!

In Gassho,
Debby Inenaga
DS Superintendent

DONATIONS
Gratefully acknowledged
Stacy Nakamura &
Gail Satake-Nakamura
Rachel’s birthday

Mitsue Fukuda

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150 Club News
Our special winner for the month of July is Colleen Ikeuye.

Congratulations Colleen!

MVBT is grateful to all those who participated in the 150 Club.

Toban & Echo Schedule

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Email all articles to echo@mvbuddhisttemple.org
Congratulations to New YBA Cabinet & Graduating Seniors!

OBON

YBA was happy to participate in this year’s Obon Festival and Bazaar in preparing and selling Spam Musubi and Chili over Rice/ Fritos. Thank you to our members and parents for all of their help and support. Special thanks to our parent’s, Mrs. Diane Nishimura, Mrs. Ann Nagamatsu and Mrs. Masako Yasuda for coordinating our kitchen efforts these past several years.

VOLLEYBALL MIXER

Twenty members will be participating in the Central Cal Jr. YBA Volleyball Mixer over the Labor Day weekend. We hope that they have fun in Fresno!

COLLEGE YBA MIXER

YBA sponsored the College YBA Sports Mixer on August 5-7. Their schedule consisted of YMA (Youth Minister’s Assistance) led services and Dharma talks, group icebreakers and sports activities. Thank you to Mr. Ken Nakano for his help with the services.

YBA CABINET

The 2016-2017 YBA Cabinet will be installed at service on September 11.

Congratulations to the new cabinet:
President: Jordyn Sato
Vice President: Maddie Matsumoto
Treasurer: Evan Tsukahara
Religious Chair: Hayley Arima
Recording Secretary: Erin Hamasaki
Corresponding Secretary: Rossten Nakamura
Coast District Representative: Vicky Shinkawa
Activities Chair: Scott Morimoto
Historian: Cayla Kita

YBA MEETING

Our first YBA General meeting will be held on September 11 following Dharma School in the YBA Hall Board Room.

NEW & OLD

We would like to wish all of the graduated seniors the best of luck in college and welcome the freshman class of 2020 to YBA!

In Gassho,
Devon Matsumoto
2015-2016 Outgoing YBA President

BWA Activities

BWA would like to thank all those who helped with sushi making and in our udon concession for our Temple Obon Bazaar. Our sincere gratitude for your support.

60th ANNIVERSARY

We are preparing for our 60th Anniversary on September 18, 2016. This is just a reminder to send in your RSVP by Friday, August 19, 2016.

FBWA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

There will be 14 MVBT BWA members attending the conference. Held every two years, the National Buddhist Women’s Association conference will be in Bellevue, Washington, on October 7, 8 and 9, 2016. A beautiful place in the Northwest – Bellevue is very close to Seattle.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, September 17, 2016,
On behalf of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, the 2016 Obon Festival and Bazaar Committee thanks all of the volunteers, donors and entertainers who made the this year’s event a BIG success.

This 64th Annual Obon Festival and Bazaar is the biggest event of the year for the Temple. It offers the opportunity to continue the traditions that our founders started and gave us. We are also embracing the opportunity to start new traditions, like this is the second year that we had the Maui-style dancing on Saturday night.

The committee and all of the members at this Temple are grateful to our founders who gave us this Temple and created an atmosphere for all of us to enjoy this year’s 64th Annual Obon Festival and Bazaar.

Thank you to community for supporting this event. Thank you to all of the dancers and Chidori Band for providing the Bon Odori. Thank you to everyone who provided the entertainment on Saturday and Sunday. A BIG “Thank You” to all of the Temple members and friends who volunteered to make and sell the delicious food. And, another BIG “Thank You” to those who helped in the game booths, cultural activities and children’s activities.

In Gassho,
Peter Matsumoto &
Steve Tsuchida
2016 Co-Chairpersons,
Zone 6

A BIG THANK YOU

The Obon Flower Shop would like to thank the local nurseries and all of the home growers for the wide variety of flower and plant donations. The flowers, bedding plants, and potted plants donated by the nurseries were beautiful and enjoyed by everyone. The variety of home grown plants were fabulous and a big hit. Thank you for all your contributions and making the flower shop so successful. Your time and effort are sincerely appreciated and we are very grateful for your support.
Thank You to All of the 2016 “Obon Sponsors”

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple thanks all of our Donors, who donated cash and merchandise, to the 2016 Obon Festival and Bazaar. With your support, we make a better place.

Anonymous
John & Chau Arima
California Bank & Trust
Dorothy & Ed Chikasuye
Cusimano Family Colonial Mortuary
Matt & Irina Cusimano
Sherri Cusimano
Elegant Jewelers
Tad Horino
Todd Hirozawa - Hiro Mura
In Memory of Rich Nishimoto
Haruye Hoshi
House of Bagel, Mountain View
Alice Ikenaga
In Memory of Husband Francis
Judy & Steven Inamori
Mel & Audrey Inouye
Hiroji Kariya
Glenn & Lorrie Kitasoe
Kuboyma Family
Kumako Ramen
Taye Kurashige
In Memory of Husband
Logitech Inc.
Walter & Jody Low
Sterling & Joanne Makishima
Lolly Mayeda
In Memory of Mother Shizuko
Grace Mayeda
Y. Maxwell Mizuhara
Monarch Truck Center
Gail Nakamura
Aki & Toki Nakano
Russell Nakano D.D.S. Inc.
Iwao & Kyoko Nakao
Julie Nakatani
Julie Nakatani’s Ikebana Students
Nikaku Japanese Arts
Margie & David Nishimoto
Kimi Nishimura
In Memory of Husband Hank
Nishimura
Joyce Okumura-Lee
In Memory of John, Jane, Jerry, Grandpa and Grandma
Masae Okuno
Palo Alto Buddhist Temple
Edwin Ryu & Julie Satake Ryu
James Shidawara
Dora Sugimoto
Sun Belt Rentals
Takahashi Automotive Inc.
Setsuyu & Osamu Tamaki
Misao Tanouye
Dennis & Rumbo Tsukagawa
In Memory of Parents George and Florence Tsukagawa and grandparents Kitaro and Ito Tsukagawa
Chris Twardus
Colliers International
Union Bank
Andre Walewski
Colliers International
Cody Anderson Wasney Architects
Sandy & Glenn Yamaguchi
Susan Yuen
Teruo & Edna Yukawa

Donate to the Upcoming Services

Fall Ohigan, Eitaikyo,
Eshinni-ko & Kakushinni-ko Service and Bodhi Day

Use the MVBT online donation "DONATE NOW," or send a check to the Temple office
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 and September Shotsuki loved ones are:

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