



MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE

Perspectives from Graduating High School Seniors

We recognize and celebrate our graduating high school Seniors by printing their Dharma Talks.

In this issue, **Megan Nakagawa, Kelli Kosakura & Sara Ho**

August Highlights

In August, **NO Sunday Service** are scheduled at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, both at the Temple and Online

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September Highlights

- **9/5, Sun, No Services**
- **9/12, Sun, 10:00 am, August & September Shotsuki Hoyo, Online**
 - * 11:00 Dharma School Resumes
 - * 11:00 am Japanese Language Service
 - * 11:00 am English Language Discussion
- **9/19, Sun. 10:00, Fall Ohigan Service, Online**

Defining Moments

Good morning everyone!

By **Megan Nakagawa**

My name is Megan Nakagawa and I've been attending the Mountain View Buddhist Temple since 4th grade.

Today, I want to talk about defining moments. What do you consider a defining moment? It's often a big, pivotal time in your

life. But for me, it's the smaller things. And looking back on my time at the Temple, I realized that I have a lot of defining moments.

Dharma School

Let's start with Dharma School. I

remember there was one time in 4th grade where I was the only person who showed up for class. This was because I was the only one in the whole class that wasn't playing in a basketball game that weekend. But Auntie Sharon, Auntie Gail, and Auntie Joan said

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Live In the Moment

Hello everyone,

By **Kelli Kosakura**

I'm Kelli Kosakura and I am a graduate of Monta Vista High School.

To start, I can't believe that it's my turn to give a speech. Watching senior speeches is usually my favorite part of the year, but it's very different when you are the one writing it. The good thing

about doing this through Zoom is that I can share pictures. Thank you, Elise for the idea.

YBA Camping Trips

One of the highlights of YBA is the annual camping trip. After a long,

long week of Nakayoshi Gakko, it was nice to have a relaxing weekend with my friends. I remember one year I was just so exhausted that I think I took 3-4 naps in a day. Aside from sleeping, I enjoyed cooking together, especially

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"Change Happens"

Good morning everyone!

By **Sara Ho**

I hope everyone's enjoying the warm weather and summer vacation. I remember when I was younger, seeing and hearing past senior speeches, and I dreaded the day that it would be my turn, and unfortunately, that day is today.

Impermanence

I want to start today by talking about mandalas, which are elaborate, beautiful sand paintings constructed by monks, only to be completely destroyed right after finishing it. The message of this practice is that everything is con-

stantly changing no matter how much effort is put in or how much you value something, and this ties into one of the biggest lessons that Buddhism has taught me that is impermanence.

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Mountain View Buddhist Temple

While Sunday Services at the Temple are cancelled, Dharma Messages are available at Temple websites.

<https://www.mvbuddhisttemple.org> or <https://tinyurl.com/MVBT-YouTube>

Current and Past Dharma Messages are available.

Namo Amida Butsu - "Let us live with Kindness and Gratitude beyond words..."

Religious Planning — August & September 2021

August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, Sunday, No Services

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September 5, 2021, Sunday, No Service

September 12, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, August & September

Shotsuki Hoyo Service, Online

Sunday Services and Dharma School resumes

11:00 am: Japanese Language Service, Online

11:00 am: English Language Discussion, Online

September 19, 2021, Sunday, 10:00 am, Sunday Service, Online

Fall Ohigan: Higan, meaning Other Shore, is a service conducted in the fall on or about the vernal equinox. The practice of the Six Paramitas is emphasized on this occasion.



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Shotsuki Hoyo Service



Study Class

Check Temple Website for latest information about Temple activities

2021 Ronald Kazuo Asada Memorial Scholarship



Devon Matsumoto is the 2021 recipient for the Asada Memorial Scholarship.

The Asada Memorial Fund was established in 1969, by Ichiro and Virginia Asada in memory of their son Ronald. Ronald was killed in action serving the US Army in Vietnam. He attended Dharma School at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and was active in the YBA.

This fund is intended to assist a deserving person of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple in pursuing Buddhist education and learning. This fund is fully funded by donations.

In Gassho,

Asada Memorial Scholarship Committee

Defining Moments (cont'd)



MEGAN

NAKAGAWA

**Branham High School
2021**

**Bound for
California State
University at San Jose**

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that they would still have class for me. And it was good because I was new and didn't really know much about Buddhism, so this was like a 45-minute Buddhist crash course. And bonus, I got to know each of them a little bit better. So thank you to these teachers, and to all of my other Dharma School teachers, for always being there and for making me feel welcome in this environment.

For those of you who know me, I'm very shy. My family was always surprised that I played taiko, which is literally the loudest instrument ever. For the last nine years, Elise has been telling me, "Megan, you need to hit the drum harder." And I would nod

my head, but I'd continue to just tap the drum. It wasn't until a few years ago that I actually tried to hit the drum with force. The first time I did, I thought, "Ohh, so this is what it's supposed to sound like." I don't know why I didn't hit the drum harder before, because even if I made a mistake, everyone would still hear it. So thank you, to all of my taiko instructors, for teaching me to be bold and to own it.

YBA

I've had so many great memories in YBA. But I'll narrow it down to just a few. One of them was the BCA Youth Retreat, which was a one-week retreat at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley. I was excited because I thought I was going with my friends and it was going to be really fun. So I paid my dues and filled out the registration forms.

But then I found out that I was the only person attending. And I totally freaked out. But it already said in the Echo that I was attending, so I couldn't back out now!

I remember I was super nervous and anxious about going since I didn't know anyone. But when I got there, the people were so kind and friendly and I felt a lot better.

One thing we did at the retreat was learn how to chant. I was so scared to chant in front of people. When we practiced running services, my hands would get super sweaty and I was afraid my voice wasn't going to come out when it was my turn to solo. But luckily it did!

So I gained some confidence in my chanting abilities and in myself from that workshop. Not that I would volunteer to chant in my free time, but I have gotten more comfortable with it and have even chanted in front of you all at various Sunday Services.

I remember after my first time chanting at service, Sensei told me that I did a really good job. But then afterwards, I heard the video of myself and I realized that Sensei was way too kind in his praise. So I guess I still have some room for improvement. But thank you, Sensei, for always cheering me on and for being one of the kindest individuals I know.

Another defining moment from YBA was the camping trip. Our generation has pretty much grown up conversing with people via text or social media. So spending a weekend with people in a place that didn't have cell service made me a little worried. But this gave me a chance to actually talk to people face to face and get to know them. I really enjoyed participating in the Iron Chef competitions (even though we didn't win) and just sitting around the campfire and chatting. I know this trip was a lot of work for the advisors, but I really appreciate it since this was one of my favorite YBA memories.

Oasaji

As a newer member of Oasaji, I enjoyed interacting with the other members. Everyone was so helpful and showed me the ropes. It was nice to get to

know people in my grandfather's generation because normally we wouldn't cross paths.

Last Year at Temple

I never thought that my last year at the Temple would be spent virtually. But this pandemic has really put things into perspective. I never thought that I would have missed working in the Hot Dog booth, waking up early for Oasaji, or driving three hours to the Fresno YBA Conference.

As I'm sitting at home right now, I realized that it's sad not being able to go to these in-person events. If I've learned anything from the past year, it's that all of the things that I thought were obligations or errands or extracurriculars that I'm trying to fit into my schedule were really learning opportunities and great ways to connect with people and serve our Temple.

I'm grateful for my Temple experience, and it has made me realize how much I value this community. I've been able to grow as a leader and as a person, learn more about Buddhism in my everyday life, and connect with friends that I never would have seen before since we all go to different high schools.

Thank You

Before I close, I just wanted to give a huge thank you to my family and friends for supporting me throughout my elementary, middle, and high school careers.

To all of the graduating

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Defining Moments (cont'd)

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seniors, "Congratulations!" I hope we stay in touch and see each other often. Maybe we'll be the people going up when they call "Any college students?" during Oshoko.

Lastly, thank you to the Sangha. I'm so thankful for this positive community that you've created.

In Conclusion

I'm excited for the next chapter of my life. I'll be attending San Jose State University and studying Nutritional Science. No matter how far I am, or in this case, close, I will always be appreciative of my time at the Temple.

The funny thing about defining moments is that sometimes, you don't realize that they're happening. It's only when you sit down and reflect on all of the things that have shaped your life

that you realize that every moment every day you have a chance to define who you're going to be. So thank you to everyone here for giving me an opportunity to be the person that I am today.

Please join me in Gassho.

Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu
Namo Amida Butsu

Megan
Nakagawa

2021 Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship

Certificate of Scholarship

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2021
Rev. & Mrs. Sensho
Sasaki Scholarship
Recipients

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Megan Nakagawa
and
Tyler Sato

Megan Nakagawa and **Tyler Sato** are the recipients of the 36th Annual Rev. and Mrs. Sensho Sasaki Scholarship.

With the closure of the Temple, we presented them with their scholarships at the virtual Graduation Service that was held on Sunday, June 13. At the service, **MVBT President Bob Matsumoto** announced the 2021 recipients. The Temple congratulates the recipients and wishes them continued success in their college life.

Each June, the Sasaki scholarship is awarded to a college-bound, high school student(s) in the Temple who apply for the scholarship and meet special requirements. The recipient must enroll in a college, express a strong interest in the Buddhist religion, have an excellent attendance record in Dharma School, and have been participating in other Buddhist activities. The scholarship

committee also considers YBA participation, Buddhist education activities and an essay. Sometimes the committee awards multiple scholarships, depending on the qualifications of the applicants.

The scholarship is funded by the Annual Sasaki Scholarship Golf Fundraiser usually held at the end of August. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the golf tournament was cancelled in 2020 and 2021. Hopefully, the golf tournament can resume in 2022.

To date, the scholarship has given out 64 scholarships to deserving Dharma School students.

In Gassho,

**Sasaki Scholarship Committee and
MVBT Golf Committee**

Live In the Moment (cont'd)



KELLI

KOSAKURA

**Monta Vista High School
2021**

**Bound for
University of California
at Los Angeles**

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when we played Iron Chef. My favorite part of the trip was walking down to the beach. Every year we would take Polaroid pictures and eat sandwiches. And after a long day in the sun, we would eat smores and play cards until curfew. Being around everyone was always really fun and, even though we missed out last year, I am really thankful for the years we were able to go.

Disneyland

Summer of 2018, we all went to Disneyland! This was so much fun. We flew down there which was amazing and we met YBA kids from Orange County and went to LA's Obon with them. The next two days were all spent at Disneyland and California Adventure. We spent all day there so by the time we were back at the hotel, our feet were so sore from walking. One memory I have is going on the Incredicoaster. I think it was the first year it opened and we were all excited to go on it. I remember Chloe wasn't up for it, but, after showing her how much fun we were having, it must have looked like we were having a lot of fun because she came with us the next time we went on. Notice how we were camera-ready this time. Disneyland was a trip I will never forget.

Conferences

I loved conferences because it was a chance to come together with other chapters. The workshops were always so insightful, and in some cases, delicious, like when we made takoyaki in Fresno. I recall the talent show, where we put on fun skits or dances. Although the last time we lost to San Jose, I still think

we deserved to win a prize. This year, the Central Cal Jr. YBA Conference looked a lot different than usual. I want to give a huge shoutout to Tyler for making this conference such a success given the circumstances. Sara, Chloe, Megan, and I were all workshop leaders, so we worked months before planning what we would do in our Breakout Rooms. As seen here, one of the workshops I helped plan involved drawing a character... and then later we told them to rip up their masterpiece as a lesson of impermanence.

YBA Memories

These YBA memories are only a glimpse of my experience here at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. I am so thankful for everything the church has given me. These past four years have taught me how to be more reflective, present, and grateful. For most of my 18-year life, the main focus was getting into college; committing to my extracurriculars, and becoming involved wherever I could, both academically and socially. Sure, the activities I participated in were fun and I learned a lot from them, but the overarching umbrella has always been college. Buddhism has helped me to realize that

there is more than just one goal. Before, when I was focused on my grades and resume, I neglected to do things that I genuinely enjoyed and think beyond college. The YBA experiences I mentioned earlier, Dharma School, taiko, and Nakayoshi Gakko all helped me learn a little bit more about myself and taught me how to live in the moment.

With the pandemic this past year, I became really honest with myself and confronted these superficial motives of mine. We all lost so much because of COVID, and I truly understood the saying "you don't miss it until it's gone." What I missed most of all were my friends. I know I definitely took them for granted pre-pandemic, but now, as senior year comes to an end and more things open up, I am prioritizing my relationships. Yes, I could be studying for my AP tests right now, or preparing for college in the fall, but Buddhism has taught me that the people in your life are worth more than any "A" I will ever get.

Please join me in Gassho

Live a life full of experiences rather than accolades and live in the present moment rather than for the future.

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“Change Happens” (cont’d)



**SARA
HO**

**Lynbrook High School
2021**

**Bound for
University of Washington**

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A few years ago, I remember that the Temple had to make a handful of changes to the annual Obon, and they sold t-shirts that said “Change Happens.”

This expression perfectly encapsulates impermanence and applied to so many other aspects of my life.

It wasn’t until the pandemic where I fully understood this concept. I’m sure the same goes for many people, but my life pre-pandemic was a stark contrast to during the pandemic. I went from interacting with my

friends and seeing multiple people to only a few, going out and traveling to being confined within the same 4 walls every day for months on end, and going to school in person to distance learning (but that’s a whole other issue). The abrupt transition from seeing my friends in person to only online took me a while to adjust to, and all this time alone really allowed me to reflect and appreciate the little things. By finally recognizing how everything is temporary, it taught me to never take anything for granted.

Cherish Every Moment

A year later as businesses are starting to open up and we return to some kind of normalcy in our lives, I make sure to cherish every moment that I’m out or hanging out with my friends.

After all, the only thing we can be certain of is that change is bound to happen and there’s no denying that. My time with the Sangha has taught me to be flexible, embracing change and making the best of a given situation. This past year I thought I would get everything I

ever wanted, but with the guidance of Buddhist teachings and the Sangha, I actually discovered what and who I truly appreciated.

Thank You

I also want to thank Reverend Mukojima, all my past Dharma School teachers, my peers, and finally my family for assisting and supporting me along the way.

High School Class of 2021 — Congratulations!

Keep Your Golden Link to MVBT Bright & Shining!

Congratulations to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple’s graduating High School Seniors. Best wishes for your next adventure! Always keep your golden link to MVBT. **Namo Amida Butsu**

<u>Senior</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>College Attending</u>
Yumiko Bellon	Homestead High School	Sonoma State
Mia Fujitani	Branham High School	West Valley College
Vanessa Higa	Mountain View High School	University of Hawaii at Manoa
Sara Ho	Lynbrook High School	University of Washington
Kelli Kosakura	Monta Vista High School	University of California at Los Angeles
Chloe Lim	Homestead High School	California State University at Chico
Megan Nakagawa	Branham High School	California State University at San Jose
Tyler Sato	Homestead High School	California State University at Fullerton
Katie Yasuda	Homestead High School	University of California at Davis

Super Senior Chuck Uyeda

Written by Ricky Chu



Chuck & Sumi Uyeda
Photo from Mountain View Buddhist
Temple's 50th Anniversary Album.
October 2012

Dedication is a word that truly defines Dr. Charles Tsuneo Uyeda. I came to this conclusion after spending the last two months getting to know the man many know as "Chuck."

Chuck was born on February 20, 1929, to Tsunesuke and Kiyo Maekawa Uyeda in Penryn, California. He grew up on the Uyeda Family Farm in nearby Rocklin with his three sisters (Shizuye, Mitsuye and Etsuko) and two brothers (James and George). His father passed away in November the year before Chuck was born due to an infection from appendectomy surgery. According to Chuck, this event could have been a reason for his dedication to his career in the microbiology field.

DEDICATION TO ACADEMICS

During World War II, Chuck was incarcerated at Arboga Assembly Center, Marysville, CA; then went to Tule Lake Relocation Center, Tule Lake, CA; and finally in Heart Mountain, Wyoming. In Heart Mountain, he was active in Boy Scout Troop 333 and was a patrol leader. At the end of the war, his family returned to the farm in Rocklin where he graduated from Placer High School in 1946. His remarkable academic career in-

cluded an Associate of Art Degree from Placer Junior College, Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological Science from San Jose State, Master of Science Degree in Bacteriology from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and PhD in Medical Microbiology from Stanford University in 1956.

Reverend LaVerne Sasaki, who was a close family friend to Chuck and his late wife Sumi, recalls, "I still remember visiting Dr. Uyeda as a 'germ specialist' at UCSF. He showed me his study sample of human feces! I have never seen this as a medical sample. My first reaction? What dedication to advancing medical knowledge and well-being!"

DEDICATION TO COUNTRY

After graduating from Stanford, Chuck learned that he would soon be drafted for military service. He decided to accept a commission as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army's Medical Service Corp. His service included being assigned to be the Chief of Diagnostic Bacteriology Section at 406th Medical General Laboratory located in Camp Zama near Tokyo, Japan. Upon the news of his pending overseas duty, he and his then fiancée, Sumi Maeda, married in San Antonio, Texas, and moved to Japan during his two year tour. While there they made time to visit their respective ancestral homes in Wakayama and Hiroshima.



Sumi & Chuck Uyeda's
Wedding Photo in 1956

Upon return from Japan, Chuck was stationed at Ft. Baker near Sausalito. They stayed at the Presidio of San Francisco and

their son Bud was born in 1958. Chuck completed his active duty tour in 1958 and went on to serve in the Army Reserves for over two decades. He achieved the rank of Colonel when he retired in 1986 after 30 years of total military service.

Chuck also had a very active and long career as the Chief of Microbiology at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Oakland and in Palo Alto for a total of thirty years. In 1963, the couple moved to Mountain View where their daughter Carol was born a year later in 1964.

DEDICATION TO MVBT SANGHA

Chuck and Sumi's early years in Penryn brought them close to the Placer Buddhist Temple where they got to know Reverend Sensho Sasaki and his wife as well as their son, Reverend LaVerne Sasaki. Reverend Sensho was the resident minister of Placer Buddhist Temple prior to his service at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. After Chuck and Sumi moved to the Bay Area, they joined the MVBT Sangha in 1963. While their 58 years as a member of MVBT is monumental, it's not the number of years that is impressive, it's the level of commitment and service that is special. Chuck still serves as one of the Board of Directors for Zone 8 and also previously for Zone 11. He still remains active in ABA in which he and Sumi were charter members and he served as Recording Secretary for 15 consecutive years at one time.

For many years, Chuck and Yosh Tokutomi (and their sons) prepared and ran the parking lot area during the Obon Festival & Bazaar. We reminisced about the times where Chuck and his "Parking Lot Crew" would direct traffic with dirt bikes. After being "promoted" from parking lot duties, he took an important role in assisting Sumi with running the very successful Bazaar

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Super Senior Chuck Uyeda (cont'd)

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Bookstore. The bookstore was like a family affair with the help of son Bud, daughter-in-law Libby, daughter Carol, son-in-law Neil and grandchildren.



1998 Bazaar / BCA and Cultural Bookstore
(L to R): Sumi Uyeda, Aiko Sugimoto & Chuck Uyeda

According to Reverend LaVerne: "Sumi was one of the most active leaders of the MVBT Dharma School along with Amy Imai, Frances Sawamura and Esther Bunya. Also Rev. Bill Briones (current Rimban at the Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple) was a MVBT Dharma School teacher then!"

One of Chuck's crowning achievements at MVBT was the creation of the Senior Activities Committee along with original members that included Amy Imai, Alan Nara, Miyo Takegami, Richard Endo and Yas Shimoguchi in 2002. Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto joined in 2005 when she started the craft program.

Aiko says "The Senior Activities and Craft Program is focused on Seniors, male or females. We have line dancing, card games, including Japanese card game, Sing Along and a light chair exercise. We also provide light refreshment with coffee and tea. We provide lunch once a month with possibly a guest speaker or some activity to make it interesting for the day. Craft is another fine feature for our senior ladies. When we take our Reno trips, we show movies and Chuck would be the one to handle the movies for me. We worked well together. I have known Chuck over 45 years, a wonderful friend. How time flies. My daughter and

Chuck's daughter were friends in Sunday School (name prior to being called Dharma School) starting when they were in the 4th or 5th Grade class. Now they are in their late 50s. He was so devoted to his late wife and always talked with respect which always impressed me. [Chuck] is a very dedicated person and he always gets things done without hesitation. A quiet and gentle man. I am fortunate to be his friend."



Senior Activities Group Committee
Circa 2017

Standing (L to R): Richard Endo, Mukojima Sensei, Alice Ikenaga, Kimi Nishimura & Dennis Tsukagawa.
Sitting (L to R) Miyo Takegami, Carolyn Sakae, Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto & Chuck Uyeda.



Yas Shimoguchi (left) and Chuck.
2009 Senior Activities Group.
Handling tickets at Casino Day

DEDICATION TO JODO SHINSHU

Through Shinran's teachings, we learn to live our lives to the fullest, becoming aware of both our potentials and limitations in this world. Because we are able to overcome all the difficulties, we can thus realize true happiness within this life time. Chuck embodies these teachings and shows us through his

life's actions that he truly is a good Buddhist. We recently spoke about an important trip he took with other members of our Temple to the Stupa at the Buddhist Church of San Francisco in 2015.

Chuck stated, "It was a wonderful opportunity for us to see and be with sacred relics associated with Buddha and also special because we were able to meet and have lunch with then Bishop Umezu and recently retired Reverend Kobata. It was a beautiful day to be able to share this special outing with very close friends in our MVBT Sangha. Jodo Shinshu Buddhism or Pure Land Buddhism has become a significant part of my daily life after the passing of my dear wife Sumi over two years ago and I was kindly reminded by Reverend Mukojima that 'Sumi-san is always with us as our Buddha.' With that insight and understanding, I have learned to live my life with gratitude, humility and compassion! Thus, a visit to the Stupa in San Francisco containing the relics of Buddha was a way for me and other members of our Sangha to honor and express our gratitude to the founder of our religion."



2015 Visit to the Stupa on the roof of
the Buddhist Church of San Francisco

DEDICATION TO FAMILY & FRIENDS

After reaching out to Chuck's close family and friends, it was clear that he is loved and respected by many.

Julie Ushiba remarks, "We shared a

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Super Senior Chuck Uyeda (cont'd)

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common interest in Enka (a type of Japanese song) and karaoke singing. With his wife, Sumi, we used to get together for karaoke and pot-luck dinners practically every Saturday night for over 35 years. He enjoys singing "Itsudemo Yumeo," "Dareka Kokyoo Omowazaru," and many other songs. Some of his favorite Japanese singers are Junko Ishihara and Ayaka Hirahara. Chuck sings with 100% concentration and has a sexy baritone voice. We love to see his joyful giggling, laughter and humor. He is very proper, honest and enjoys life. He is a real gentleman."



Chuck and friends gathered at the Ushiba's home

Miyo Takegami, a long-time friend, exclaims "I have known Chuck for many years, can't recall the exact number of years, but our children attended the same school together and have kept in touch and now they have children of their own. Chuck is very amiable, thoughtful and considerate of others, discreet, cooperative and a very competent, tireless worker. You know that whenever he is assigned a specific job, that it will be accomplished quickly and well! He has been an invaluable asset to our Senior Activities Committee for 20 years and to our Temple for much longer, and I'm sure he will continue to contribute his talents and knowledge for the betterment of all,"

Fellow friend, Dennis Tsukagawa simply states, "He is a kind-hearted man."

His niece, Susan Higashi Rumberg (current Placer Buddhist Temple member)

highlights, "I am so proud to be one of Chuck's many nieces and nephews. He is an inspiration to our family and my role model. My uncle's life epitomizes the values and characteristics we try to instill in our own kids and grandkids: an emphasis on family, education, integrity, and hard work. During the last several years, my cousins and I have regularly driven to Sunnyvale for the day to visit with Uncle Chuck and Auntie Sumi. It is a day filled with much laughter and reminiscing. Uncle Chuck is the last surviving Uyeda sibling, so we relish his stories about our extended family and growing up on his family's ranch because it makes us feel as if our own parents are still with us and gives us a greater appreciation of our Uyeda roots."



2018 Family Reunion
Front row (R to L): Sumi & Chuck



Chuck with Nieces:
Junko Adams, Dr. Sadayo Lurie,
Judi Freedman & Susan Rumberg

Susan adds, "His sense of gratitude stands out. With his usual modesty and humility, Uncle Chuck always credits his mom's and siblings' love, support, and sacrifices on his behalf. His gratitude always shines through when he describes the many opportunities they provided him."

IN CLOSING

As a lifelong fan of the San Francisco Giants and 49ers, he is as dedicated to his favorite sports teams as he is to his family and friends. When I met Chuck at his home in Sunnyvale in June, he showed me an impressive display of sporting memorabilia celebrating many of the sports heroes over the years. Thinking back to that day, in the presence of Montana, Rice, and Posey, the biggest legend of them all undoubtedly was Chuck Uyeda.



Son Bud and Chuck at SF Giants Spring Training Game



Rev. LaVerne Sasaki with Carol & Chuck at Levi's Stadium

FUN FACTS

1. Bud (son) graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in the class of 1980 and served 21 years of active duty and retired as a Lt Colonel.
2. Carol (daughter) danced as a Warrior Girl in the late 1980s and, presently is a member of the Hardwood Classics, the Warriors senior dance team.

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Super Senior Chuck Uyeda (cont'd)

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3. Sumi Uyeda was raised in Penryn, CA, and was a member of the Placer Buddhist Temple. After she and her family were interned at the Arboga Assembly Center and the Tule Lake Relocation Center during World War II, she graduated from Placer High School, Placer Junior College, and earned a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from San Jose State. She married Charles "Chuck" Tsuneo Uyeda in 1956. She taught for over 30 years in both elementary and high schools and earned a Master's degree in Secondary Education from San Jose State. After retiring from teaching, she worked for 17 years as a



Sumi Uyeda
June 16, 1932 — May 21, 2019

claims representative for the Social Security Administration Office in Campbell, CA. She was appointed to the Mountain View Public Library's Board of Trustees; served on the Board of the City of Mountain View's Sister City program with Iwata, Japan; was a Cub Scout Den Mother and was active with Boy Scout Troop 80; and was a devoted member of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. She enjoyed golfing, karaoke with friends, trips to casinos, playing Hanafuda, and rooting for the Giants, 49ers and Warriors.

Namo Amida Butsu —
With Kindness and Gratitude beyond words.

Dharma School News



**Dharma
School**

DOMO ARIGATO

This academic year gave us tangible examples of the **impermanence in life** and the **interconnectedness that we collectively share**: from the relentless spread of the COVID-19 virus to the rising tide of anti-Asian sentiment across the country. There could not have been a better time for our students and teachers to connect with the Buddha-Dharma and with each other to share lessons, stories, and experiences even as we had to remain flexible and try

new things with remote teaching and learning.

Thank you to our Dharma School families, teachers, and Temple community who have kept our Dharma School program alive and well throughout the pandemic. I will look forward to seeing you all in the Fall!

In Gassho,
Brent Izutsu
Dharma School Superintendent

Seniors Activities & Crafts Program News

**MVBT
Seniors
Activities
and
Crafts**

Our Senior Activities are getting shorter, not able to report any exciting news. Let us hope that it will be soon that we can all join together on Thursday mornings. In the meantime, stay well and maintain your good health. You are all missed.

THURSDAY TAIKO

We will not have the Taiko class for about three weeks due to the OBON at HOME. We will resume on Thursday, August 5. We thank our instructors, **Susan Yuen** and **Linda Uyechi**, for giving our Taiko lessons via Zoom every Thursday from 10:00

am to 10:45 am. Please join us for it is never too late to enjoy Taiko. For more information, call **Reiko Tsuchida**.

COOKBOOK

The Senior Activities Group Cookbook is still available and can be purchased at the Temple office or through the Senior Committee members. The sale price is still at \$15.

In Gassho,
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

Amy Imai Elementary School



Amy Imai
Photo from MVBT 2006 Directory



Above: Located on the website of the Amy Imai Elementary School. Go to <https://imai.mvwsd.org>

Mountain View's City Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga proposed to the Board of Trustees of the Mountain View Whisman School District to rename an elementary school after Amy Imai. At a June 3 Board meeting, the renaming of the elementary school was discussed. Our Temple President Bob Matsumoto attended and told the Board members that Amy Imai had a "huge impact" on the Mountain View Buddhist Temple, both as a teacher and a source of inspiration. Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto told the Board members that Amy Imai was the "clear choice" due to her local ties, her influence as a role model and her ancestry. At the June 17 Board meeting, the Board approved the name change.

LIFE-LONG MVBT MEMBER

Amy Imai was a life-long member of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Amy and her husband, Robert, were members of the church when it was called the Mountain View Buddhist Church. In 1970, the name was changed to the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

Amy Imai was a major contributor to the many activities that defined the Temple and to many organizations that we now enjoy at the Temple.



Amy Imai and
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto
50th Anniversary Committee
Co-Chairmen



50th Anniversary Co-Chairpersons,
Amy Imai (left) and
Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto

50TH ANNIVERSARY CO-CHAIRPERSONS

In 2011, Amy Imai was the co-chairperson with Aiko Sugimoto-Miyamoto for the Temple's 50th Anniversary celebration. The celebration was to commemorate the 50th year as an independent temple. Amy and Aiko coordinated a day filled with memories for all. The day included a 50th Anniversary Service with an Ochigo Procession, Temple tours, children activities, banquet, dinner and entertainment.

DHARMA SCHOOL

Amy Imai was a Dharma School teacher for 45 years. During these years, Amy served as Superintendent, Dharma School teacher and organized yearly field trips to many fun places mostly in the Bay Area. These places include Marine World, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Great America and the Jodo Shinshu Center.



1985. Past Dharma School Superintendents

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Amy Imai Elementary School (cont'd)

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2008 - 2009 Dharma School Teachers
Amy Imai (5th from left)

ECHO CO-EDITOR

Amy Imai with Toshiko Kawamoto were co-editors of the Echo newsletter for 20 years. With a dedicated staff, they published the Echo every month.

SENIORS ACTIVITIES GROUP

Amy Imai was on the committee that formed and started the Senior Activities Group in 2009. The Group continues to meet every Thursday morning. The group allows seniors to stay active mentally, physically and socially. Amy actively organized refreshments, created an environment for seniors to meet old friends, and encouraged activities like card games, line dancing, and various arts and crafts. The Group also took many field trips.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FAMILY OF AMY IMAI

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple congratulates the family of Amy Imai for the renaming of an elementary school after her. Her accomplishments cover many aspects



Amy Imai on right with Toshiko Kawamoto,
co-editors of Echo 1993 to 2013.



2011 Echo Staff. Amy Imai is on the left

including the City of Mountain View, the Mountain View Whisman School District, the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District and the Mountain View Buddhist Temple.

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words.**



2010 - Senior Activities Committee.
Amy Imai is in center



2006 - Tour of Jodo Shinshu Center in
Berkeley



2005 - California Assembly with Assembly-
woman Sally J. Lieber

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Amy Imai
Elementary School
Mountain View Whisman School District

Location:
253 Martens Ave
Mountain View, CA 94040

Phone: 650-526-3490
Fax: 650-564-9046

An article about why an elementary school was renamed in the Mountain View Whisman School District can be found in the Mountain View Voice, a newspaper for the City of Mountain View. Go to:

<https://www.mv-voice.com/news/2021/06/21/huff-no-more-mountain-view-whisman-board-renames-school-after-amy-imai>



2021 150 Club News	Toban & Echo Schedule			
<p>It's going to be a better year!</p> <p>Our winners for the month of June are Jeremy & Garrett Tao!</p> <p>Congratulations Jeremy & Garrett. And, thank you to everyone for participating in the 150 Club!</p> <p>Stay safe!</p>		Toban	Echo Article Deadline	Echo Mail
	AUG	No Toban	N / A	N / A
	SEPT	No Toban	Aug 13 (Fri)	Aug 23 (Mon)
	OCT	No Toban	Sept 10 (Fri)	Sept 20 (Mon)
	<p>Please note the article deadline and mailing dates. The mailing date has been adjusted to accommodate the Temple's COVID-19 requirements. This will provide time to layout, proof, finalize and print the issue. Thank you.</p> <p>Domo Arigato. Email all articles to echo@mnbuddhisttemple.org.</p>			



COAST DISTRICT VIRTUAL NEMBUTSU FAMILY CONFERENCE

"KANSHA (Gratitude)"

Sunday, October 24, 2021 Watsonville Buddhist Temple

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

(A zoom link will be emailed to all attendees prior to the conference)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Harry Bridge from Oakland Buddhist Temple

Reg. fee: Adults \$20 Family rate \$50
Students \$10 (age 12 - 18)
Children (Under 12) Free

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YBA

MVBT YBA NEWS

MVBT OBON AT HOME VIDEO

For this year's OBON at HOME, YBA recorded a video on how to make a bento. Thanks to everyone who joined us!

person get together! We're so excited to welcome our incoming freshmen and celebrate our graduating seniors.

FIRST IN-PERSON GATHERING

The YBA advisors are currently planning our first in-

In Gassho,

Megan Nakagawa

2020 - 2021 YBA President



YBA making the OBON at HOME Video

ABA News

MVBT

Adult Buddhist Association

OBON at HOME

Congratulations to the OBON at HOME Committee for organizing another successful event. A special shout out to ABA Member Marilyn Ozawa, who co-chaired the event. Thanks to the ABA members who created and participated in the "Corn Dog Demo" video.

SJ GIANTS GAME

ABA will sponsor our annual trip to see the San Jose Giants on Friday, September 10 at 6:30 pm. Always a fun evening, there will be fireworks that night. Tickets are \$60/adults and \$30/kids and include the game, a BBQ dinner and seating in the VIP section along the 3rd baseline. We're inviting all Sangha members to join our group. If you're inter-

ested in attending, please send an email to Joanne Makishima at jcmakishima@gmail.com.

DONATION

Thank you to **Leo Uchiyama** for his \$100 donation in memory of his loving wife, Irene..

In Gassho,

Jean Shimoguchi

ABA President

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.

2021 is the Memorial Year for those who passed away in:

1st Year Memorial	2020	3rd Year Memorial	2019	7th Year Memorial	2015
13th Year Memorial	2009	17th Year Memorial	2005	25th Year Memorial	1997
27th Year Memorial	1995	33rd Year Memorial	1989	50th Year Memorial	1972

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	Itsume Kawamoto	Toshiko Okuno
George Abey	Shina Kinaga	Chiyo Ozawa
Jean Abey	Sumiye Kito	Haruno Saito
Kazuo Abey	Albert Kobayashi	Harry Sakae
Thomas Arakaki	Toshio Kochi	Warren Sakae
Masataro Fujii	John Kondo	Kitao Sakai
Helen Fukuma	Kazuo Kurashige	Miyuki Sakano
Masao Fukumoto	Chiyomi Masuda	James Satake
Dorothy Furuichi	Helen Matsuba	Shimano Satake
Masuo Hamada	Haru Matsuzaki	George M. Sato
Hiroshi Haruta	Kazuo Mayeda	Koma Shinke
Mary Haruta	Yoshino Miyamoto	Hisayo Shinta
Ronald Higaki	Keiko Mizuhara	Nancy Irene Smith
Akira Hiroshige	Kiyoko Muranaka	Susan Haruta Stokes
Matsujiro Hiroshige	Kakuemon Nagasaki	Hiroshi Sugimoto
Minoru Hiroshige	John Nagatoishi	Sam Sugimoto
Takeshi Hori	Toshio Nakagawa	Dora Suzuki
Minoru Horino	Edward Nakano	George Takaki
Edith Hoshi	Janice Nakashima	Michiko Takehara
Aya Ichinaga	Magoji Nakashima	June Tokunaga
Misaye Ikebe	Alice Nishimura	Jack Tsuchida
George Ikemiya	Tomisaburo Oda	Nobuko Tsuchida
Akira Inamori	Frank Ogata	Hiro Tsukimura
Atsushi Inouye	Iyano Ogawa	Yukiye Watanabe
Gregory Inamori	Chieko Okamoto	Tom Yamaji
Kiyoye Inouye	Mineko Okamoto	Noriko Yanaba
Asa Ishimaru	Stanley Okamura	Akio Yamamoto
Satoshi Ishimaru	Alfred Okubo	Yumi Yokoo
George Izumi	Tsuyo Okumura	Totaro Yoshida
Kimiko Kashima	Albert Okuno	Reiko Yoshimoto
Shigeo 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

ymukojima@gmail.com

Phone (Temple office)

(650) 964-9426



August &
September

Monthly

Memorial

Service

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Service at Temple
Cancelled

Shotsuki Hoyo
for August &
September to be
held on
Sunday,
September 12

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See service on
MVBT website

september 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along	2 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual 7:00 pm Tiger Team Meeting	3 6:00 pm Ukelele	4
5	6 Labor Day 7:30 pm Tech Support	7 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual 7:30 pm VISION LHF Committee Meeting	8 10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along 7:30 pm MVBT Virtual Board Meeting	9 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	10 6:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout 7:30 pm ABA Virtual Meeting	11
12 10:00 am Shotsuki Hoyo Virtual Service 12:00 pm YABA General Meeting	13 7:30 pm Tech Support	14 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	15 10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along	16 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual 7:00 pm Tiger Team Meeting	17 6:00 pm Ukelele	18
19 10:00 am Fall Ohigan Service	20 7:30 pm Tech Support	21 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	22 10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along	23 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual	24 6:00 pm Ukelele 7:00 pm YABA Zoom Social Hangout	25
26 Sangha Day Picnic	27 12:00 pm Senior Bingo! 7:30 pm RPC Virtual Meeting 7:30 pm Tech Support	28 6:30 pm Adult Taiko - Virtual 7:30 pm Ukelele Club - Virtual	29 10:00 am Senior Activities Sing-Along	30 6:30 pm Taiko Talks - Virtual 7:45 pm Tiger Team Meeting		

Mountain View Buddhist Temple

Upcoming Events

September 12, Sunday

Shotsuki Hoyo Service
Dharma School Starts

September 19, Sunday

Fall O-higan Service

September 26, Sunday

Sangha Day Picnic (TBD)



Join MVBT Sangha

- Five 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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