



## President's Message

Happy April! It is already the 4th month of the year! Time is just flying by! As of this writing, it is the middle of March and it still feels like winter! As much as we need the rain, I am so looking forward to the Spring weather! As the season of Spring brings new life and energy to all living things, it also brings to life more activity, energy, and uplifting spirits in those that surround us.

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APRIL 2024

# NEWSLETTER

MARYSVILLE BUDDHIST CHURCH



## Rev. Matt's Message



Rev. Matt Hamasaki

In April, we celebrate Hanamatsuri (literally Flower Festival) which commemorates the birth of Siddartha Gautama, who would eventually become the Buddha. Legend tells of the auspicious birth in Lumbini's garden when all the flowers burst

into bloom and sweet tea rained from the sky. Thus, our tradition is to have a statue of the baby Buddha in the Hanamido (literally Flower Hall) which is decorated in flowers. It is the one time a year that we pull this special statue out of storage and have a unique and ornate offering. Recently, I have developed a newfound appreciation for this statue we have.

The truth of impermanence means we are losing more and more of the Nisei generation as they, as a whole, grow older. There is a small silver lining here, though, as we begin to uncover more about their lives, especially their early lives, after they pass away.

And one aspect which, although we do speak about it frequently, was often not mentioned in life is the time in the internment camps. So, learning more about this difficult but influential time for our predecessors opens insight into their sacrifices and also their ingenuity.

Practicing Buddhism was all but forbidden in camp. They didn't want Japanese to be spoken for fear of spy messages being spread and of course there was no altar area available. This did not stop the services from happening and they did with what they had. At one camp, a man snuck into the kitchen and carved a baby Buddha out of a carrot and other

internees combined the sugar they were rationed to make sweet coffee to pour over it. In another camp, for lack of flowers, they dyed toilet paper red with beet juice and folded them into flowers.

To me, more than how fancy the set-up may be, the care and effort put into these altars would make the Buddha smile. It reflects their dedication and how much they treasure the Buddhist teachings – that no matter what situation they get put in, they revere and take refuge in the Buddha-Dharma. It is a lesson for me and for all of us to recognize how fortunate we are currently and to reexamine our own devotion to the teachings.

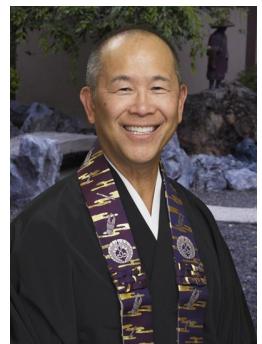


**Sensei Kelvin Mark will be officiating the Hanamatsuri and April Shotsuki Service on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Please come and join us in welcoming Sensei Kelvin to the Marysville Buddhist Church. Refreshments will also be served following the service in celebration of Shakyamuni Buddha's birthday. We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday, April 7th!**

## Sensei Kelvin Mark's Bio

Sensei Kelvin grew up in Stockton, California and moved to Sacramento in 1991 in order to complete residency training in anesthesiology at the UC Davis Medical Center alongside his wife Dr. Cheryl Lieu.

Kelvin and his family joined the Buddhist Church of Sacramento sangha in 1997, as a volunteer for the Annual Cultural Bazaar.



Rev. Kelvin Mark



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## Pond and Garden

BY JIM EDGMAN

I'm still working on clean-up after the big wind/rainstorm. I still have garden clean-up to do. The Koi have been trying to talk me into feeding them when it's 50 degrees. They are not having much luck with that; but they do have me talked into 52 degrees. They have been getting to eat more regularly now. The one ailing fish who managed to eat the rocks

during Obon time still gets a little more to eat than the others and continues to put on weight. The Bluebird quite often gets the squirrel's peanuts. We have had quite a few Hummingbirds lately. They get quite curious and will come two feet away from you to check you out. The Bluebird is right here now squawking at me wanting more peanuts. He is going to have to take that up with the squirrels. I almost

thought he was going to land on my lap!

I have been pretty busy. I still have a couple more buckets of muck to be processed into dirt. The total was 8 1/2 carts with 24 1/2 buckets of dirt, with the pond showing it's getting time to muck again.

It has been chilly lately. Too cold to feed the fish, and I'm not seeing much wildlife this morning. I need to service the skimmers which needs to be



done every 2-3 days. When this pump dies, I go to the next larger which will need to be done every 1-2 days.

Everything is OK.

In gassho,  
Jim



### SAVE THE DATE: 2024 OBON - Saturday, July 20, 2024



Marysville Buddhist Church's Obon is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 2024. Please save the date and join us for our 2024 Obon festivities! Volunteers are needed. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact Terrie Matsumoto at 916-479-1999 (call or text) or email matsgt@yahoo.com.

### Rev. Mark

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The Bazaar turned out to be the 'gateway effort' that led to volunteering with the Betsuin Sports Program, Cub Scout Pack 50, Girl Scout Troop 569, Boy Scout Troop 50, Venture Crew 50, Board of Trustees, and finally as Dharma School teacher for the 5th Grade.

Upon completion of service as Betsuin Board of Trustees president, Kelvin was invited to receive Tokudo Ordination in 2016, taking the Buddhist name: Ken-Jitsu, «to see things clearly», and has served as a minister's assistant for the Northern California District ever since.

### Yokohari Family Scholarship



Church members with children or grandchildren who will graduate high school in June: Now is the time to consider the Yokohari Family Scholarship administered by the Marysville Buddhist Church.

Requirements are as follows:

- Applicant's parent or grandparent must have been a full member of the Marysville Buddhist Church for the last 4 consecutive years.
- Must be a high school graduate planning to attend a 4-year College/University or a 2-year college or trade school prior to the award of the scholarship.

Deadline to apply for the Yokohari Family Scholarship is June 5, 2024.

For more information, guidelines and application forms, please contact the church at:

Phone: 530-743-6426

or

Email: office@MarysvilleBC.org



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I found this to be true when working with our Board Members, members of our Northern District temples, and members of our BCA community. Most of all, I feel this renewed sense of energy and excitement when we are able to get together after service just to chat and share thoughts, feelings, and ideas. It is my hope to connect with each and everyone of you so that we may all share in this Springtime of renewed life.

### **Monthly Services**

I would like to extend our appreciation to the Rev. Yuki, Rev. Matt, Sensei Keith, Sensei Koichi, and Sensei Kelvin from the Sacramento Buddhist Church for officiating our monthly first and third Sunday services. Those who have been in attendance have truly enjoyed their Dharma Messages and have equally enjoyed getting a chance to meet and chat with them after the services. We now offer refreshments after each service which gives people a chance to gather and chat with the ministers, friends, family, and fellow attendees. Everyone is welcome to attend! Listed below are the two April Sunday Services. We look forward to seeing you all at our Sunday Services and refreshment gatherings after the services. **PLEASE JOIN US ON:**

### **Sunday, April 7, 2024**

**1:00 p.m.  
Hanamatsuri and April  
Shotsuki Service  
Officiant: Sensei Kelvin Mark  
Refreshments to be served  
after the service.**

### **Sunday, April 21, 2024**

**1:00 p.m.  
April Family Dharma Service  
Officiant: Rev. Matt Hamasaki  
Refreshments to be served  
after the service.**

### **Reminder: FLOWERS WANTED to decorate the Hanamido for the Hanamatsuri Celebration of Shakyamuni Buddha's Birthday**

We will be decorating a mini Hanamido on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are able to bring flowers, please contact the Church Office at 530-743-6426. If we are able to receive a large quantity of flowers, we will be able to decorate the large Hanamido. If not, we will decorate a mini Hanamido with flowers placed in vases. The Hanamido will be displayed at our Hanamatsuri Service on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

### **2024 BCA National Council Meeting Reflections**

Kahn Kochi and I attended the

BCA National Council Meeting held at the Sacramento Buddhist Church on February 23 & 24, 2024. Much gratitude to the Northern California Temples who all contributed to the planning and implementation of this year's National Council Meeting. A huge debt of gratitude to the Sacramento Buddhist Church for hosting this meeting. All the logistics of hosting over 200 delegates for 3 days was insurmountable but all turned out so successful! All the food and meals prepared were plentiful and delicious!

For the past 4 years, these meetings were held virtually and it was so nice to be able to gather "in-person." It has been awhile since I have attended a National Council Meeting. I believe the last time I attended was back in the 70's and 80's! At that time, I was among the "youth" or "young ones" and as I sat in this year's meeting, the realization of time hit me and suddenly I realized that I was now among the older generation! I was able to reconnect with those who were once part of the "youth" movement way back when, and it was really nice to see that they have continued on the path of Jodo Shinshu growth and development. Many became ministers or minister's assistants and assumed positions of higher offices in Buddhist Churches of America (BCA), Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS).

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## Hoyukai News

**IMPORTANT** - There has been a venue change for the Hoyukai Luncheon on Thursday, April 18th, at 11:30 am. **The luncheon has moved to the Round Table Pizza, inside the Feather Down (Bel Air) Shopping Center, on Staber Lane, Yuba City.** So, please update your calendar to attend.

Stay healthy everyone!

In Gassho,  
Darrell Naruto, Secretary

## Office Hours

**Tuesdays and Fridays.  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
1st and 3rd Sundays  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

If you wish to stop by the church, please do so during those hours. Please contact the church at 530-743-6426 and let us know what day and time you would like to stop by. Please park on the 2nd street side of the church and enter through the Social Room door.

## Who to Call

### **WHO DO I CALL?**

**Contact the Sacramento Buddhist Church at 916-446-0121** in order to request ministerial assistance regarding family emergencies such as the passing of a family member. Please leave a detailed message including your name and number, and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

**Contact the Marysville Buddhist Church at 530-743-6426** for normal business needs or basic information. Please leave a detailed message including your name and number, and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

**DIAL THE DHARMA**

**800-817-7918**

To hear Bishop Harada's message.  
Press 1 for English, 2 for Japanese  
or 3 for Spanish.

## APRIL SHOTOKI HOYO

The April monthly memorial service will be observed on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. officiated by Sensei Kelvin Mark.

### Deceased & Relationship

Sekizo Kadoi (GF)  
Osamu Hasegawa  
Kikuhei Nakagawa  
Some Tanimoto (A)  
Sadaji Yoshimura (GF)  
Ryo Okubo (A)  
Kiyo Nakagawa  
Itsuji Yokohari (F)  
Natsuo Nakashima (M)  
Iwakichi Tanimoto (U)  
Mariko Kodani (A)  
Suetaro Shimizu  
Yukuno Shimizu  
Hiromu Toruibara  
Masaki Toruibara  
Masamu Uyeki  
Hideo Kagehiro  
Toyono Nakao (GM)  
Buntaro Nakamura (GF)  
Masu Uchida  
Masato Kimura  
Taki Yasuda (GM)  
Hamayo Tahara (GM)

### Sesshu Family

Lynette Guevara  
Hasegawa Family  
Nakagawa Family  
Jim Tanimoto  
Ron Yoshimura  
Jim Tanimoto  
Nakagawa Family  
Yoshimi Yokohari  
Mitsuo Nishikawa  
Jim Tanimoto  
Misaki Rooney  
Kawada Family  
Kawada Family  
Matsumoto Family  
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Kimura Family  
Don Tsukimura  
Lynne Myers  
Uchida Family  
Kimura Family  
Doris Yoshimoto Ow  
Alan Tahara

### Kinue Nabeta

Kumi Takeshita (MIL)  
Suma Kakita (GA)  
George Honda (U)  
Shichiro Harry Yasuda (U)  
Fumio Thomas Hatamiya (H)  
Iwae Hasegawa  
Frank H. Komatsubara (H)  
Koto Naruto (M)  
Shigeshi Nabeta  
Goro Kagehiro  
Frank F. Nakamura (F)  
Hisako Jean Doizaki (M)  
Fumie Iwasaki  
Michiko Uyemoto (MIL)  
Janine M. Manji (D)  
Yoshiko Kagehiro  
Teruko Matsumura (M)  
Mabel Tanisaki  
Carol S. Wada (S)  
Nancy Nakatani  
Sumie Muraki  
Toshio Koga  
Betty Kochi

### Nabeta Family

Jim Tanimoto  
Michael Fujikawa  
Lynne Myers  
Doris Yoshimoto Ow  
Mizuye Hatamiya  
Hasegawa Family  
Lorraine Komatsubara  
Soapy Naruto  
Nabeta Family  
Kimura Family  
Lynne Myers  
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Pat Uyemoto  
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Kimura Family  
Larry Matsumura  
Tanisaki Family  
Ron Wada  
Ray Nakatani  
Norm Muraki  
Louise Koga  
Kahn Kochi

## Donations Gratefully Acknowledged

The Marysville Buddhist Church gratefully acknowledges the following donations received. For any corrections or omissions, please call the Church at (530) 743-6426. **Thank You.**

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3/10/2024

Craig & Janet Nakagawa

Jane Oji Schroeder

IMO: Kuniyoshi Yokotobi, Fusaji Yokotobi, Tadayuki Yokotobi, Tony Kawasaki, Jimmy Uyemoto.  
Mitsuko Yokotobi

### Higan-E Service

Mizuye Hatamiya  
Amy Iwamura  
Gary & Terrie Matsumoto  
Kahn Kochi  
Richard & Haruko Arent

### Special Donations

Louise Nishikawa  
William & Suzanne – General Fund  
Danny & Doris Ow – Pond Fund

### Membership 2024

*Thank you to the following members for your continued support of the Marysville Buddhist Church!*

George Hatamiya  
Susan Abe  
Peggy Okabayashi  
Ken Okabayashi  
Larry Matsumura  
Kay Matsumura  
Louise Nishikawa  
Patricia Rutkowski  
Lynette Guevara  
Shirley Sasaki  
Fumi Fukumitsu

### In Memory Of

IMO: Toyoharu Kawasaki,  
Tadayuki Yokotobi  
Mitsuko Yokotobi

IMO: Shizuko Miyata  
Kawada Family

IMO: Keiji Doizaki, Hisako Doizaki,  
Kay Doizaki, Jr.  
Shirley Mizuno

IMO: Robert Matsumura  
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Mika Fukui  
Shirley Fukui  
Fumi Fukumitsu

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Darrell Naruto  
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Gilbert Berger  
Pat Uyemoto  
Jean Matsui

IMO: Jimmy Uyemoto  
Gilbert Berger  
Pat Uyemoto  
Jean Matsui

IMO: Masao Nakagawa  
Craig & Janet Nakagawa

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IMO: Hisayo Kanda  
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Joe M Nakamura, Tom G. Honda,  
Hatsuye Nakamura  
Gary Nakamura

IMO: Ron Ow, Hanako Yoshimoto,  
Edith Yoshimoto  
Doris & Danny Ow

IMO: Kazuko Tabata  
Pearl Fukumitsu

IMO: George S. Nakao  
Opal Wakayama

IMO: George Takamoto, Rose (Takamoto) Marumoto, Alan Takamoto,  
Stanley Marumoto  
Sesshu Family  
Valorie & Randy Chinn

IMO: Toshiro Yoshimura, Kimi Kagehiro  
Lynne Yoshimura

IMO: Mitsue Oji

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the Center for Buddhist Education (CBE) and assumed positions in their local temples and districts. This is an indication of how important "Youth" activities such as the Youth retreats, conferences and seminars are in developing future BCA leaders and ministers in the United States. I found this meeting to be quite informative and brought to light as to the direction we shall undertake and continue to pursue and establish here at the Marysville Buddhist Church. The BCA theme for this year is so appropriate because the "Right Time is NOW!"

## MBC Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

At the March 3rd Board Meeting, I shared a PowerPoint presentation that was presented at the National Council Meeting by Glenn Inenaga, BCA VP. He was kind enough to let me share it with our Board. There were areas that were presented that helped solidify and clarify what we would like to accomplish in 2024. Listed below are the items we will be working on in 2024.

- 1. Vision & Mission Statement
- 2. Financial Sustainability
- 3. Building Community - Temple Infrastructure - Membership Database, Emails, Fundraising, Online Donations & Payments, Website,

Social Media Strategy, and Outreach

4. Making Cultural and Religious Connections through Education and Activities,
5. Establishing Connections with Local Community Members and Organizations.

If you would like to share your thoughts and ideas, please feel free to contact me or any of the Board Members: Kahn Kochi, Lysa Kinoshita, Bob Tokunaga, Brad Battley, Tony Dughi, Jim Edgman, William Nakashima, Darrell Naruto, Craig Nakagawa, or Janet Nakagawa. My contact information is 916-479-1999 call or text or email matsgt@yahoo.com. Your input is truly of value and importance.



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## Donations

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Jean Matsui

## Dana in Action

### Pond and Garden:

Pond and Garden: Thank you to Scott Itamura and Jim Edgman for garden cleanup.

Organist: Thank you Pat Uyemoto for playing the organ at the February Family Dharma Service and the

Higan-e Service.

Reading of Names: Thank you Terrie Matsumoto for reading the names at the March Shotsuki Service.

### Goodies:

Thank you to Kahn Kochi, Janet Nakagawa, Suzanne Nakashima, Pat Uyemoto, and Terrie Matsumoto for providing refreshments for the February 17th Board Meeting and for those who stayed after the February

Family Dharma Service.

Thank you to Kahn Kochi and Terrie Matsumoto for providing refreshments for the March 3rd Board Meeting and for those who stayed after the March Shotsuki and Higan-e Service.

Thank you to Fumi Fukumitsu for providing Milano Cookies at the March Shotsuki and Higan-e Service.

Thank you to Jean Matsui for donating toilet paper, liquid hand soap, Morton's Salt

Volunteers are needed. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact Terrie Matsumoto at 916-479-1999 (call or text) or email matsgt@yahoo.com.

## **Reminder: Alarm System**

Our temple now has an alarm system in place. Please contact the Church Office either by phone or email, if you wish to have access to the church premises.

## **Church Office Hours**

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**Office phone: 530-743-6426**

**Email: msvlebc@gmail.com**

## **Reminder: 2024 Membership Dues**

2024 Membership dues are now due. The MBC Membership form is attached to this Newsletter. Please completely fill out the form and submit the membership form and payment to MBC (address is listed on the form). Thank you to all those who have paid their dues thus far! Your continued support of our temple is greatly appreciated! Your dues contribution makes it possible for us to maintain our facilities, staff, and the ability to provide future activities.

In gassho,  
Terrie Matsumoto

and flower and Chinese food gift certificates to the church.

## **Newsletter Crew:**

Thank you to the Newsletter Crew for assembling the Newsletter on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Brad Battley  
Lysa Kinoshita  
Darrell Naruto  
Janet Nakagawa  
Craig Nakagawa  
Jean Matsui  
Russ Bates

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# APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	
			JACL Board Meeting 2 p.m.			Please bring flowers for the Hanamido 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Decorate Hanamido
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Hanamatsuri Service & April Shotsuki Hoyo 1 p.m. Sensei Kelvin Mark Refreshments following Service. MBC Board Mtg 10:30 a.m.						
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
Family Drama Service 1 p.m. Rev. Matt Hamasaki Refreshments following Service	Newsletter Crew 10:00 a.m. Social Room					
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

## MAY 2024

May 5 – Gotan-e Service & May Shotsuki Hoyo 1 p.m. MBC Board Mtg 10:30 a.m.

May 19 – Family Drama Service 1 p.m.

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Address	Street	City	State	Zip code
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Telephone Numbers:

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Home	Cell No	Email
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Spouse or Partner

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Birthdate
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For family information purposes, please list children under 21 living at home or at school.

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Relationship	Birthdate
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**Membership Dues:**

Senior Age 80 & Over	\$125.00
Senior Couple	\$250.00
(One or both Age 80 & Over)	
Single (Under 80)	\$150.00
Couple	\$275.00
Minimum Pledge	\$300.00

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**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_