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June 2019 Schedule of Events

Sun. June 2 – Sunday/Shotsuki Hoyo/Dharma Youth Service, 10:00 am

Tues., June 4 – Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

Sunday, June 9 – Sunday Service, 10:00 am

Sun., June 16 – Bishop Memorial/Graduation Service, 10:00 am

Monday, June 17 – Obon Practice starts, 7:00 pm (Mondays and Wednesdays)

Fri., June 21-Temple Clean-Up, 5:30 pm

Sun., Jun 23 and 30 - NO Sunday Services

July 1-4 - Temple Fireworks Booth

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With Our Thoughts We Make the World

"We are what we think. All that we are arises with our thoughts. With our thoughts we make the world." **Shakyamuni Buddha from the Dhammapada.**

I was talking with a friend recently about how we have become so disconnected with the suffering in the world and insensitive to the death and destruction that occurs near and far. My friend suggested that it was because the media has made these events part of our entertainment world and not perceived as real or relevant to our lives. If this is true then we should take a serious look at how we react to the news stories that reach our homes.

When the recent earthquake and tsunami hit Indonesia in October last year were you moved to act and moved by compassion? Did you shed a tear for the thousands of lives lost and the thousands left homeless? When Osama bin Laden was killed did you cheer? Did you feel relief? Did you feel happy or indifferent? These questions are not meant to judge but to make each of us individually contemplate on who we are.

I had relayed to my friend that I was not proud of the way in which some Americans cheered and celebrated the death of bin Laden. This may sound strange to some readers, however to me cheering the death of a human being is not something I feel we should be doing. Right or wrong, good or bad we should not lower ourselves to cheer and celebrate his death as he did on 9/11. I believe most of us were not sure what to feel. This ambivalent feeling probably stems from not wanting to feel joy at a death and yet knowing that this death meant so much to so many.

These are events in our lives that allows each of us to contemplate our reaction whether we overtly reacted or quietly responded, we have an opportunity to reflect on the type of person we are. In our reaction there is no right or wrong, but it is just as it is. And as the Buddha said, with our thoughts we make up the world in which we live. So the question is what type of world do we want to live in?



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- Tuesday, June 4 7:30 pm Temple Board Meeting
- Sunday, June 9 10:00 am Sunday Service
- Sunday, June 16, 10:00 am Graduation & Bishops Memorial Service

JUNE SHOTSUKI HOYO, FAMILY MEMORIAL Sunday, June 2, 2019 10:00 am

Akimoto, Jim Yoshio	Kokka, Shizue	Sukekane, Chiyeko
Akiyoshi, Yaeko	Maemura, Jason Tadashi	Takei, Kisaku
Dooka, Akira	Matsui, Midori	Tanimura, Noboru
Etow, Liliian	Matsumoto, Kenneth	Tao, Takeyo
Fujii, Tokio	Matsunami, Misao	Terasaki, Rosie
Hasebe, George	Matsunami, Tsugumi	Toriumi, Jane Misako
Hashimoto, Mits	Mine, Bill Matao	Tsudama, Toshiko
Higaki, Osami	Mine, Sachi	Yamamoto, Barbara Sanae
Hirahara, Mitoshi	Mine, Tom	Yamamoto, Hisa
Hoshiyama, Frances	Misumi, Gijiro	Yamamoto, Ben Tsutomu
Idemoto, Kazuko	Miura, Takaji	Yamamoto, Masatatsu Bob
Iwami, Kiyoko Nancy	Murakami, Shozo	Yamane, Sakuichi
Iyama, Tsunehichi	Muronaka, Tsuyuko Helen	Yamanishi, Akiji
Izumizaki, George Yutaka	Nagamine, Tousuke	Yamanishi, Jitaro
Kamimoto, Tsutae	Nakase, Pauline	Yamanishi, Tadao
Kanda, Momoyo	Nishijima, Norma Taeko	Yamashita, Minoru
Kimoto, James	Nishita, Hayakichi	Yorita, Misayo
Kimoto, Isamu	Oda, Fumiko	Yorita, Toshiteru
Kimoto, Tomo	Oka, Kanako	Yoshimaru, Masato
Kobara, Chisako	Okamoto, Mary	Uyematsu, Jim
Kobara, Kaichi	Sadamura, Manzo	Uyematsu, Rempei
Kobayashi, Isamu	Shirachi, Tsuya	

2019 Temple Dues (Reminder: Ovedue notice)

REMINDER: Please submit your Temple dues for the 2019 calendar year, which are now overdue. Submit dues with the completed membership form to the Temple Office. If you have an Email address, please print this clearly so we can communicate to members in this manner, when possible. **Your prompt attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated.** Your dues support the general operations of the Temple. Thank you.

Single membership - \$260 + \$10 cleaning fee = \$270 Couple or family - \$520 + \$20 cleaning fee = \$540 San Juan/Hollister Howakai – half the single rate (\$135) or couple rate (\$270)



The following members donated more than their annual 2019 temple dues:

Tad & JoAnn Kato

Kenny Kusumoto

Howard Tsukiji

With Our Thoughts We Make the World (Continued)

The Buddha understood that we human beings always capitulate to our worldly passions, self-centered views and repeat over and over again our intolerable acts and are incapable on our own to overcome and remove our worldly passions and unwholesome thoughts. Because he understood us he made the forty-eight vows two of which are below:

"Though I attain Buddhahood, I shall never be completed until people all over the world are influenced by my spirit of loving compassion that will purify their minds and bodies and lift them above the things of this world"

"Though I attain Buddhahood, I shall never be complete until people everywhere, hearing my name, learn right ideas about life and death, and gain that perfect wisdom that will keep their minds pure and tranquil in the midst of the world's greed and suffering"

It is Amida Buddha the Buddha of Infinite Light and Boundless Life who understands how difficult it is for us to purify our minds and keep them pure and tranquil. And so we create a world of hate, ignorance and wrong views. But the Buddha's compassion is always directed toward us giving us again the opportunity to see the self and the world we create, making each of us realize that we must rely on the power of Amida Buddha to realize enlightenment. As we listen to the Dharma we will become aware of the obstacles and difficulties of our worldly existence and are made to see the boundless compassion of Amida Buddha. How grateful I am.

Namoamidabutsu Rev. Shinseki

IN APPRECIATION

In Appreciation

Cornelius, June—In Memory of Ruby Nakamura, Mother's Day Gavin, Jennifer – In Memory of Ernie Ura Kato Family – In Memory of Tadaaki Kato, 7-yr service Kawasaki, Kiyo & Aileen – Movie Night Kodama, Akira—In Appreciation Okamoto, Itsuko – In Memory of Takesu & Frank Okamoto Tan, Jayne & Tsumura, Ken – In Memory of Teruko Tsumura Yamashita Family – Hanamatsuri Donation

In Memory of Jane Jofuku

Family of Kaz & Jane Jofuku Jofuku, Tracey Jofuku, Kelly	Kobata, Yaeko Okamuro, Diane Okamuro, Lillian	Shararian, Courtney
In Memory of Matsuye Shingai Gabriel, Susan Hara, Diane Shingai Struble, Elaine Shingai, Gary	Shingai, Isamu Shingai, Randy Shingai, Roger Shingai, Sharon	

Donations— Continued

Gotan-E

Akiyama, Isamu Hamada, Dennis Kawasaki, Kiyo & Aileen Morimune, Betty Sakamoto, Sam

Hanamatsuri

Akiyama, Isamu & Kiiko Akiyama, Jean Akiyama, Nobuko Akiyoshi, Asayo Hirahara, Kaoru & Terry Honda, Sunao & June Jofuku, Tracey Kajisa, Hisako Kodama, Akira Kowaki, Ritsuko Kozuki, Ryoko Kuratomi, Reed & Nancy Louie, Nora Maemura, Yoshie Matsunami, Sadao Miller, Tanya Morimune, Betty Murakami, Tom Nabeta, Caroline Nakamine, Akira Nakamura, Mas Nakatani, Noboru Nishihara, Eiko Nishihara, Yoshiko Nitao, Itaru Nitta, Daniel Okamoto, Itsuko Sakaguchi, Eiko

Suruki, Tatsuro Tamaki Family Ura, Esther Uemura, Hisako Yagi, Chiyoko

Sakai, Kazuko Sakamoto, Sam Shingai, Barbara & Bob Suruki, Tatsuro Tada, Mary Tamaki, Bobby & Nancy Tamasu, Chieko Tanimasa, Fumi Tanimoto, Ken & Alice Tao, Janice Tao, Mitsuyo Tao, Shizuko Tsukiji, Howard Umeda, Yoko Uyematsu, Alan & Gayle Uyematsu, Richard & Susan Wurtenberg, Bill & Gail Yamada, Sumiko Yamamoto, Ruth Yamamoto, Tee Yamanishi, Sayuri Yamashita, Iwao Yamashita, Jean Yoshida, Mae Yoshida, Perry & Kim Yoshida, Riiko

Shotsuki Hoyo Akiyama, Jean Akiyoshi, Asayo Akiyoshi, David Fujii, Eddie Hashimoto, Mas & Marcia Ito Family Juarez, Adrian & Courtney & Family Kamigawachi, Harvey Kato, Akiko Kato, Tad & JoAnn & Family Kato, Tom & Wanda Kawasaki, Kiyo & Aileen Kimura, Victor Matsui, Isao Matsunami, Sadao	Misumi, Alice Nishihara, Eiko Nishihara, Yoshiko Rumney, Craig & Mary Shingai, Barbara Sinclair, Scott & Sets Tao, Janice Tao, Mitsuyo Ura, Esther Uyematsu, Richard Velez, Nancy & Victor & Family Wada, Ted Wurtenberg, Gail & Bill Yamamoto, Ruth Yoshida, Lori Yoshida, Mae Yoshida, Perry & Kim
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR — UPCOMING OBONS

MontereyJuly 14San JoseJuly 13-14Mountain ViewJuly 20-21

Watsonville	July 21
Salinas	July 28

Watsonville Obon Practice will begin on Monday, June 17 @ 7pm.

HANAMATSURI MESSAGE

WE DID IT!!! A **HUGE THANK YOU** to each and every one of you that came out on any given day to help set up before, during, and after, and your generous donations to make this year's Hanamatsuri Festival another successful event. Those of you that came out unselfishly, out of your busy schedules, means so very much that you want to come together to be as one and want to support the events we have. It does take a village and your support for each fundraiser helps us to maintain the temple to be able to function and be a part of you and the community to enjoy. ALL of your efforts never go unnoticed, so my apologies if I/we missed thanking any of you for help or donations. Please pass this message along to any friends or family that also came out to help or support us in anyway.

The food, displays, entertainment, demonstrations, donations, and mostly YOU were amazing! We hope you get some rest, enjoy your week, re-energize, and get ready for upcoming events as we need you!

Thank you again!

With much gratitude,

Kim Yoshida Hanamatsuri Chairwoman

Highlights of Temple Board Meeting – May 2019

Guest Presentation:

The Salvation Army sponsors a meal program for the homeless and is looking for assistance from community faith organizations. Second Harvest Food will provide the canned goods needed. They are looking for an organization, who could provide this service on Thursdays@ 5:30 p.m. (preparation of meal and serve). The Temple will evaluate the request and get back to the Salvation Army.

Minister's Report:

The Dharma School Teachers conference was held on April 26-28, 2019 in San Jose. 125 delegates attended. Rev. is encouraging schools who would like to visit the Temple. Rev. recently toured the CEIBA program. Gotan-E service will be held on Saturday, May 18 at 10:00 am, celebrating the birthday of Shinran Shonin. Rev. will be teaching a class through CSUMB extension on Thursdays mornings, starting May 9th. Memorial Day services will be held on Sunday, May 26: 9am- Pioneer Cemetery; 10am – PV Memorial Park; 11:30am San Juan Bautista cemetery.

Temple Reports:

Coast District Council meeting was held on Thurs., April 25th in Mountain View. Rev. Shinseki and Linda Kadani from Monterey will serve on the Bishop selection committee (Sept. 2019). Watsonville will be hosting the next CD Council meeting on Thurs., Aug. 22, 2019. All CD temples will be asked to put up \$200 as seed money towards CD Nembutsu Conference, to be held on Oct. 18, 2020 in Watsonville.

Temple Maintenance: Bids are in process for parking lot maintenance and handicap parking in front of temple.

Old Business:

Museum of Art & History (MAH) Blue Plaque – Temple will be receiving the 2019 Blue Plaque, which is an honorary architectural/historical preservation award. Award to be presented on May 11, 2019 in Santa Cruz. Watsonville Hanamatsuri Festival was held on Sun., April 21. Chairperson Kim Yoshida thanked everyone for their help in making the festival successful. Estimated net profit: Approx. \$5,500.

CD Nembutsu Family Conference: Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020 in Watsonville. Mark your calendars.

New Business:

Fireworks: Yoshie Maemura will be coordinating volunteers and food. More details will be forthcoming in ICHIMI.

July Board Meeting: Due to the fireworks sales, the July Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9 (not July 2nd).

Watsonville OBON is Sunday, July 21, 2019. Posters are being distributed and planning process has begun. Chicken Teriyaki Dinner will be on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019. Board confirmed price will remain at \$13 per dinner and will order 2000 chicken halves.

Donation of Burial Plot at V Memorial Park: The Temple received a donation of a burial plot from a former temple member's family who no longer lives in the area. Plot is in the Devotion Section, Lot 463.

Church Clean-up: **Date set for Friday, June 21, 2019 at 5:30 pm.** *Clean-up needed around apartments, garage and pantry storage building in preparation for Obon Festival.*

Security Grant/Nest: Perry Yoshida will be looking into grants available which would enable Temple to upgrade its existing security system.

Organizational Reports:

BWA has 11 delegates registered for the upcoming World BWA Convention in San Francisco (Aug. 3-Sept. 1) ABA: Having a Japanese Cooking Class on Sat., May 18 @ 11:30am. Open to temple members. Those interested are to contact Alice Tanimoto.

Next Dharma Youth Program will be held on June 2.

Upcoming Movie Nights at Watsonville: Fridays on September 6 and November 8. Capital Projects: Some reimbursement was received for repair of joint fence (parsonage/neighbor). No Sunday Service on April 28, 2019 due to the FDSTC in San Jose.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 7:30 pm. Toban: Norman Uyeda and Itaru Nitao

WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NAMED HISTORICAL LANDMARK

The Watsonville Buddhist Temple is one of six organizations whose buildings have been awarded the 2019 Blue Plaque, denoting them as historical landmarks. The Blue Plaques are awarded to structures in Santa Cruz County that are at least 50 years old and hold historic significance. The Blue Plaque Committee is part of the Museum of Art and History Historical Landmark Committee. A public ceremony was held on Saturday, May 11, 2019 in Santa Cruz during National History Month. More than 150 plaques have been awarded to date.



Rev. Shinseki & Perry Yoshida

JoAnn Kato, Gary & Cindy Mine, Perry Yoshida, Rev. Shinseki, Ann Jenkins, Marcia & Mas Hashimoto

WATSONVILLE OBON FESTIVAL IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER AND PLANNING IS UNDERWAY!

Details regarding Obon set-up and preparation will be forthcoming soon in a separate mailing.

Mark your calendars: (Preliminary Schedule; times to be determined)

- Friday, July 12 @ 5pm: Outdoor (including Yagura)/gym set-up
- Thursday, July 18 @ 5pm: Chicken Cleaning
- Thursday, July 18: Sushi Prep
- Friday, July 19: Outside Tent Set-up; Food Prep
- Saturday, July 20: Food Prep, Chicken Cooking, OutsideTables/Chairs
- Sunday, July 21: Sushi and other Food Prep

All volunteers are welcome!



Temple Cleanup Friday, June 21 @ 5:30PM

Please attend the temple cleanup. We are cleaning the yard and organizing the garage and pantry in preparation for Obon. Dinner will be provided.



DATE: July 1-4

WE NEED YOU

to help staff this year's fireworks booth. This temple event is one of our biggest fund raisers and we need everyone's help to raise the funds that will help our youth and temple programs operate.

If you cannot help in the booth, you can still help by bringing food, buying fireworks, waving a flag or stopping by and giving your fellow member support.

Please contact Yoshie or Barbara to volunteer time or assistance

Yoshie Maemura - jykmae@me.com Barbara @ 724-7860 - buddhist@wbtemple.org

Temple Firework





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING GRADUATES:

Kelly Maemura, University of Hokkaido, Japan Laura Nagamine, Chapman University, Orange, CA Sarah Nagamine, University of Massachusetts, Amherst Scott Nagamine, San Francisco State University Danny Souza, Case Western Reserve Academy, Ohio Melissa Tao, University of California, Los Angeles Steven Tao, Oregon State University Allison Uyeda, University of California, Davis Brian Yamaoka, Christopher High School, Gilroy Kevin Yamaoka, Arizona State University

ABA Meeting: May 9, 2019

The bento/bingo event on March 12 was enjoyed by 35 attendees, with requests for this activity to continue. ABA will try to schedule it again in August.

Saturday May 18, 10am Gotan-E service, followed by an Umani (Japanese stew) cooking class at 11:30am, instructors are Alice and Ken Tanimoto. Suggestions for future cooking classes are welcome. Also on May 18, 11am - 4pm Monterey Temple Art and Craft Show.

The March 16 Levee cleanup was a success, with 65 participants of all ages expressing positive feedback and asking for another cleanup to be scheduled.

Thank you to all volunteers for many hours of work to make the Hanamatsuri Festival successful. An estimated net profit of \$5,500 was reported, chiefly from raffle proceeds.

Perry Yoshida and Rev Shinseki will attend the Blue Plaque Presentation in Santa Cruz on Saturday, May 11 at 11am. The plaque will be mounted at the temple in a spot to be determined.

Alice and Ken Tanimoto will attend an information meeting on Monday, June 3 at 1pm for the Salvation Army Homeless Meal Program. This meeting will be at the Holy Eucharist Church in Watsonville. Marie Burnett, one of our Obon dancers, wants to expand this program to other faith based organizations for support. 100 people are served meals nightly. Contact Ken if you are interested in learning how the temple might help the homeless community in Watsonville.

Obon Odori dance practice starts Monday, June 17 at 7pm.

Temple cleanup on Friday, June 21 at 5:30pm for the apartment area, garage and storage room.

Watsonville Obon on Sunday, July 21. ABA is looking for someone to relieve Janice Tao of her many years of leadership duties on the egg cooking crew. Volunteers?

Next ABA meeting: Thursday July 11@ 10am.

A Void In My Heart

Hello Peek-A-Boo! Where are you? Please give me a clue ~ A meow will do. It is six long months since last you came. Now my life is just not the same.

You filled a big void in my empty heart, With a loving friendship from the very start. At times I fear I may go off the deep end, But I will hang in there, my fine feline friend.

I felt so safe having you around, Until your nightly leave, homeward bound. A picture of peace, asleep on the fence, Far from the real world of violence.

Did the wind and rain keep you away, Or chilly nights stop you from going astray? I was so worried during the Winter storm, Hoping you were happy, safe and warm.

Because I believe your life was good, I pray you did not leave our neighborhood. Can you possibly be in a brand new home? If you are lonely just pick up the phone.

Now that Spring is here to stay, Drop in and hear what I have to say. You were always willing to lend an ear, So you are truly a blessing to endear.

Beyond the blue and panoramic sky, I thought I saw you on a shuttle passing by. Like Motel 6, my porch light's always lit, So on your return trip, stop and rest a bit.

I can't wait to see you again in my backyard, Resuming your duties as my loyal bodyguard. Whether it's a dream or whether it's true, I will never forget you ~ my dear Peek-A-Boo.

> janice tao (5-19)

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Festival

Sunday, July 21, 2019 *

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Obon is a time of joyous celebration and gratitude to the generations who went before us and gave us the gift of life. The highlight of the day is colorful dancing in which the community is invited to participate.

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Delicious Food & Fun Vendors Entertainment Farmer's Market Children's Games Drawing It All Starts At 12noon

Traditional Japanese Dances Starting at 4:00pm

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EXHIBITS ENTERTAINMENT JAPANESE FOOD



FESTIVAL JULY 28, 2019 12 Noon - 7:00PM

THE BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SALINAS

SAN JOSE TAIKO 4:00 PM JAPANESE FOOD MARTIAL ARTS IKEBANA DISPLAY

FREE ADMISSION

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OBON DANCE 5:30 PM BONSAI DISPLAY N TEA CEREMONY AS GAMES & RAFFLE

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