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Schedule of December Events

December 1, 2024—Shotsuki Hoyo/Bodhi Day Service 10am
December 8, 2024— Mochi-Tsuki
December 8, 2024— Mochi and See's Candy pick-up 9am-Noon
December 15, 2024— Sunday Service 10am
December 22 and 29, 2024—No Sunday Service
December 31, 2024—Joya-e (New Year's Eve) Service 6pm

Tentative Schedule of January Events

January 1, 2025— Shusho-E (New Year's Day Service) 10am
January 5, 2025— Shotsuki Hoyo/Sunday Service 10am
January 7, 2025—General Meeting 7pm
January 19, 2025— Hoonko Service 10am
January 12 and 26, 2025— No Sunday Service

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Bodhi Day

Our founder Shinran Shonin wrote about the sage Nagarjuna: "He would expound the highest Dharma of Mahayana; Attaining the Stage of Joy, he would be born in the Land of Peace and Bliss. He disclosed that the difficult practices are toilsome, like walking on land, and urged us to believe that the easy practice is pleasant, like sailing on water."

It is hard to believe that we are soon going to be in the month of December. I have often been asked if we as Buddhists celebrate Christmas. It might seem to be a silly question, after all we are not Christian, we are Buddhists. However, my response is "Yes we do." I have always enjoyed Christmas, all the music the gifts and people generally are in a good mood.

In the month of December there are numerous holidays including: Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Christmas and Bodhi Day, the day Siddhartha Gautama became the Buddha. All of these holidays celebrate life, love, kindness, community and compassion. There are differences, but I think the wonderful thoughts of love and kindness far outweigh the differences. And in this day and age we need to find commonalities not differences.

The celebration of Bodhi Day is to commemorate the day Siddhartha became the Buddha, the Enlightened One, the Awakened One. The title of Buddha is important and should be mentioned. When asked, who or what are you? The Buddha responded, "I am awakened." In saying this he was saying since my birth I have been sleepwalking through life.

All of us are not Buddhas but unenlightened beings. As the Buddha said we are sleepwalking through life. This means that we are not seeing things as they truly are. We are seeing only what we want to see. We may argue with our parent, our co-workers, our spouse, or our children because we want them to see things as we do. We argue about the silliest things, what to watch on TV, what to eat, how to drive, where to park, because we know what is best. We see the world through the lens of self.

The story of the Buddha talks of his encounter with the 4 gates. Old age, sickness, death and the life of a seeker. After that encounter he leaves his home. There is much to this difficult decision to leave his home and family. He saw in himself the same things we can see in ourselves. That is a self-centered view of the world as the source of all our suffering. The celebration of Bodhi Day is an opportunity for us all to express gratitude to all the difficult practices the Buddha endured so he could share the teachings of Nembutsu with us. Shinran often said the reason for the Buddha's appearance in this world was to save sentient being burdened with selfishness and suffering with the Nembutsu teaching.

As we celebrate December, we will enjoy the lights on the trees that light up our life eliminating the doubt of ignorance. We can feel the joy of the holidays by entrusting in Shakyamuni Buddha's teaching of Namoamidabutsu.

Gassho,
Rev. Hosei Shinseki

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Special Points of Interest

Tuesday, December 31, 2024,
6:00pm—Joya-E Service

Wednesday, January 1, 2025
10:00am—Shusho-E Service

Sunday, January 19, 2025
10:00am—Hoonko Service



Please join us at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple for:



**JOYA-E (New Year's Eve) Service and temple bell ringing
Tuesday, December 31, 2024, 6:00 PM**

AND

**SHUSHO-E (New Year's Day) Service
Wednesday, January 1, 2025, 10 AM**



President's Message

Fellow Temple Members:

I wanted to give you a progress report on the repairs and maintenance from the 2022 floods. The temple property flooded on New Year's Eve 2022. We were fortunate that the water did not enter in the Hondo, conference room, gym or any of the apartments. We cleared the mud from the property and discarded many items on the ground with the aid of the city, community activists and temple members. Water damage was extensive underneath the buildings. It took one month to dry the entire facility. Other problems occurred while the drying process was being done. We had to repair the gas line for the apartments, repair the roof due to leaks and do electrical repairs. Also, the flood and abundant rainfall contributed to the ground shifting in the front and back parking lots. The ground shift prevented water from draining into the streets.

We received \$135,659.00 in flood relief donations and spent \$203,517.86.

Here is a list of flood repairs completed.

- Apartment pipe repairs

- Drying underneath crawl spaces (including apartments) & removing drywall

- Roof repairs & painting the bathroom

- Re-pavement of the front & back parking lots

- Assistance to Sangha families severely affected by the flood

We also spent \$105,101.00 for the fence, gate, and outdoor cameras (in front and back of the temple). These security measures were installed to add protection for our temple, temple members, and guests from the increasing number of unhoused persons and trespassers.

More work will be done in the immediate future on the infrastructure of the temple. Possible future projects may be the remodeling of the bathrooms by the Hondo and the men's bathroom in the gym.

Gassho,
Kenny Kusumoto



**2024
Memorial Service Schedule**

<u>Year of Death</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Year of Death</u>	<u>Service</u>
2023	1st Year	2000	25th Annual
2022	3rd Annual	1992	33rd Annual
2018	7th Annual	1975	50th Annual
2012	13 th Annual	1925	100th Annual
2008	17 th Annual		

**DECEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO, FAMILY MEMORIAL
December 1, 2024 @ 10:00 am**

December Shotsuki Hoyo

Aramaki, Yoshiro Roy	Matsumoto, Michie	Takemoto, Toshiye
Arao, Betty Yaeko	Mine, Kikue	Tawamoto, Tsunesuke
Enomoto, Kiku	Misumi, Mary	Terasaki, Sam Yoshinobu
Eto, Wataru	Misumi, Shizue	Teshima, Iwao
Etow, Shigeru	Morimoto, Haya	Teshima, Phyllis Masaye
Etow, Hajime	Morimune, Betty	Torigoe, Bunkichi
Fujii, Kimiyo	Morimune, Soichi	Toriumi, Jim Shigeru
Fukuba, Norman	Murakami, Harumi	Tsuda, Tomio
Hamada, Takino	Murakami, Kumajiro	Tsuji, Saizo
Hamada, Tomiye	Murakami, Soichi	Ura, John Susumu
Hamamoto, Kimi	Nakamura, Meiji	Uyeda, Jitsuto
Hane, Machie	Nakayama, Alice	Wada, Hatsu
Hara, Yoneko	Nishita, Shuichi	Wada, Shozo
Hirahara, Satoshi	Nitta, Kumezo	Yamakoshi, Frank
Hirahara, Teyo	Oda, Toku	Yamamoto, Lewis Kazuo
Hirano, Susan	Sakai, Chiyono	Yamamoto, Tadashi
Ito, Uta	Saiki, Hajime	Yamashita, Akira
Kadotani, Mitsuko	Sakai, Kiyoto	Yamashita, Haru
Kaita, Bruce	Sakae, Roy	Yamashita, Iwao
Kaita, Kanezo	Sakaue, Somo	Yamashita, Masano
Kamimoto, Kay	Sakata, Ichiji	Yamashita, Tomiko
Kawasaki, Jihei	Sakuma, Henry Shochi	Yonemura, Edward
Kimura, John Mitoshi	Shinta, Kunito	Yoneyama, Lee Ritsuo
Maemura, Yoshinobu	Shirachi, William	Yoshida, Yaemon
Matoba, Tatsue	Sudou, Sakaye	Yoshi, Kumakichi
Matsumoto, George	Tada, Mary	Yonemoto, Junko

JANUARY SHOTSUKI HOYO, FAMILY MEMORIAL

January 5, 2025 10:00 am

January Shotsuki Hoyo

Akiyama, Asa	Kowai, Toraichi	Sasaki, Shizuma
Dooka, Michiko	Kunishige, Takajiro	Shinta, Beulah
Eto, Suyeko "Sue"	Kurimoto, Peggy Shizuko	Sukekane, Hayato
Fujii, Sadayuki	Kuroiwa, Harumi Kay	Sukekane, Masanosuke
Fujita, Ichijiro	Matsui, Tommy Toshiyuki	Sukekane, Masao
Fujita, Yeiko	Maemura, Kozo	Sumida, Fukuichi
Fukuba, Midori	Manabe, Bob	Takamune, Roy
Hamada, Suyeko "Sue"	Manabe, Haruo	Tanimura, Lillian Teruo
Hamai, Tsui	Manabe, Suyeo	Tao, Tomoe
Hamai, Yoneichi	Marui, Harumi Kay	Toriumi, David
Hane, Akihiro	Misumi, Rodney	Tsuchiyama, Takashi "Butch"
Hayashida, Louie	Misumi Shinichi	Tsuda, Hardy
Hiraga, Sammy	Morimoto, Umazo	Tsutsui, Henry
Hirahara, Manabu	Morimune, Helen	Uchimaru, Toyoki Shizan
Hirano, Shig	Morishima, Sei	Ura, Sumi
Hirano, Yasube	Morita, Tsui	Uyeda, Kaname
Idemoto, Akio	Nagamine, Otomatsu	Uyematsu, Suyeko Ito
Idemoto, Fujiye	Nakahara, Chiyuki	Wada, Barbara Sanae
Ikeda, Yutaka	Nakase, Eijiro	Wada, Shigeo
Itamura, Sadao	Nakatani, George M.	Wada, Tatsu
Iwamuro, Asako	Nishihara, Kohide	Yagi, Harry
Izumizaki, Kitako	Nishihara, Yamato	Yagi, Kirino
Izumizaki, Kintsuchi	Nishita, Frank	Yamada, Takimi
Kajihara, Teruko Jeanne	Nishita, Gladyce	Yamamoto, Jennie
Kajisa, Masashi	Nishita, Sayoko	Yamamoto, Kichigoro
Kamimoto, Haruno	Nitao, Tsune	Yamashita, Ichisaburo
Kimura, Mary Yukiko	Noda, Masaru "Buzz"	Yamauchi, Leland Toru
Kimura, Sayoko	Sakae, Henry	Yokoi, Hideo
Kinoshita, Yukiko	Sakae, Yooko	Yoshida, Wataru
Koike, Rokuzo	Sakai, Bunichi	
Kokka, Satoru	Sakimoto, Takechi	

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Kiyo and Aileen Kawasaki	Ohigan
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Ted and Shirley Tsudama	In Memory of Mas Tsudama
Kevin Tsudama	In Memory of Mas Tsudam
Ken Tanimoto	In Memory of Mom and Dad (Takashi and Sachiye Tanimoto)
The Family of Emiko Kaita	ABA, In Memory of Emiko Kaita
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Anonymous	In Memory of Gerry Kondo
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Family of Emiko Kaita	Eitaikyo, In Memory of Emiko Kaita
Shizuho Yamashita Family	In Memory of Miye and Mas Yamashita
Bill and Ida Akimoto	In Memory of Sam Akiyama
Alice Maruyama	In Memory of Tomiye Hamada
Esther Ura	In Memory of Ernest Ura
Dennis Hamada	In Memory of M. Yamashita 17th year memorial
Carolyn Misumi	In Memory of Alice Misumi, Saburo Misumi, Rosie Takamune, Mitori Misumi, Yoshino Misumi, and Ellen Misumi
Alan and Gayle Uyematsu	In Appreciation

In Memory of Kay Kaita 13 Year Service

Emi Kaita	Dennis and Susan Ikegami	Ryoko Kozuki
Kaita Family	Gino and Elaine Abad	
Lyman and Louise Lum	Bob Shingai	

In Memory of Sunao Honda

June Honda	Shizuko Tao	Tamaki Family
Jennifer Gavin	Sharon and Eugene Carreiro	Douglas Nakashima
Chiyeko Shikuma	Nancy Shikuma	Thomas and Reiko Akiyoshi
Bill and Ida Akimoto		

In Memory of Emiko Kaita

Ted and Shirley Tsudama	Tamaki Family	Jennifer Gavin
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Chiyeko Shikuma	Nancy Shikuma	Lester and Patti Ikegami
Bill and Ida Akimoto	Vince and Cheryl Lynn Itatani	Marilyn Hyde
Laurie and Ted Matsushita	Ryoko Kozuki	Bob Shingai
Mitsuyo Tao	Art and Joanne Hayashi	

Bodhi Day

Jean Akiyama	Judy Plummer	Bill Louie
Bob and Nancy Tamaki	Itaru Nitao	Esther Ura
Ken Tanimoto	Barry and Toshiko Phillips	Kim and Perry Yoshida

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Shotsuki Hoyo

Michael and Riiko Yoshida

Ryoko Kozuki

In Memory of Atae Haneta, Jeri Kaita, and Roy Nagamine

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In Memory of Tadao Nakamura

Kiyo and Aileen Kawasaki

In Memory of Yoshiko Kawasaki

Perry and Kim Yoshida

In Memory of Charles Yoshida and Kuni Yoshida

Jennifer Gavin

In Memory of Kaz Mio and Senzo Ura

Janice Tao

Nobuko Akiyama

Jean Hirahara

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Bob Shingai

In Memory of Jeri Kaita

Lesly and David Dietrich

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In Memory of Fumiko Hara, 7th year memorial

Carolyn Misumi

Helen Tominaga

In Memory of Tats Tominaga, Tsui Morita, and Sentaro Morita

November 6, 2024 (Zoom) Board Meeting Highlights

Condolences to the families of Sunao Honda, Emiko Kaita, and Isamu Sam Akiyama.

Second Harvest will continue to use our parking lot for food distribution for 2025.

The pavement project has been completed with the installation of parking bumpers.

Ryoko Kozuki, with the help of Kim Yoshida will chair the New Year's Lucheon to be held January 12, 2025. We will be asking for a \$10.00 donation as the event will be catered.

Cindy Mine has updated the first aid kit in the kitchen and will update any others found.

Jennifer Ura Gavin donated Narcan for any possible overdoses victims.

The General Meeting will be in person on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 7:00pm.



Scouting News

The Scouts have had 2 campouts, Indians area behind Ft. Hunter Liggett and a roleplay event at Camp Hi-Sierra.

We also conducted our annual food drive, collecting almost 500 lbs. of food for 2nd Harvest Food Bank.

We are planning a hike in November at Byne-Milliron Forest in Corralitos. In December we plan on holding our Court of Honor (date TBD) as well as going on a Joint campout with Troop 599 to Royal Oaks.

Cub Scouts also participated in the food drive. We are looking to change the day the Cubs meet to spike up attendance.

The Pack and Troops are starting the recharter process. The boys and girls troops will be combined and operate as one troop (officially) starting in January when the new charter takes effect.



2025 Temple Dues

With the start of the new calendar year, it is time to pay your 2025 Temple Membership Dues. For clarification, these dues are to be paid during the first calendar quarter of the year **(no later than March 31, 2025)**. As you may know, a portion of these dues goes to the BCA (approximately \$182 per person). The balance of your dues support the general operations of the Temple.

The dues for 2025 will continue to be:

Single membership—\$260

Couple or family—\$520

San Juan/Hollister Howakai—Single rate \$130 and Couple rate \$260

I you wish, you are welcome to donate in excess of the amount stated above.

Please complete the updated membership form and return it to the Temple Office with your dues payment. If you have an email address, please print this clearly on your membership form so we can communicate with members by email when possible. Thank you

Dues **may** be paid by credit card and/or may be paid in up to three equal payments. Please contact the Temple Office for details. When using the credit card method of payment, **an additional transaction fee will be added to your dues.**

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2025 MEMBERSHIP FORM

DATE: _____

Please check: Continuing
Membership (Single) _____ Family _____ **OR** New Member (Single) _____ Family _____

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ M. I. _____

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MAILING ADDRESS (if different) _____

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HOME PHONE: () _____ CELL PHONE: () _____

BUDDHIST NAME: _____

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LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ M. I. _____

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HOME PHONE: () _____ CELL PHONE: () _____

BUDDHIST NAME: _____

CHILD/CHILDREN (if living in the household):

FIRST NAME: _____ M. I.: _____ D. O. B.: _____

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Oseibo Contribution

Dear Temple Members:

Oseibo is a voluntary year-end monetary contribution from members of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple to show their gratitude and appreciation to our resident minister, Rev. Dennis (Jay) Shinseki.

2024 has been a challenging year with ongoing repairs to the temple after the 2023 floods, the remnants of COVID-19, and the loss of key temple leaders. Throughout the year, Rev. Shinseki has been a steady influence in the temple with his service and guidance for our members. We are grateful for the extra time and effort he has made to the temple.

This year the Temple will collect all Oseibo contributions and present them to Rev. Shinseki at a service/meeting in January 2025. If you wish to express your appreciation to Rev. Shinseki, please send your contribution to the Temple office in the envelope provided **no later than Friday, December 20, 2024.** Please make your check payable to Rev. Dennis Shinseki, **NOT** to Watsonville Buddhist Temple.

In Gassho,

Kenny Kusumoto, President
Watsonville Buddhist Temple



Please remember to pick-up
your Mochi and See's Candy
orders

Sunday, December 8th
9:00 am—Noon

Thank you for your support

TWICE BLESSED

*I have been thinking of this day,
Ever since the month of September.
The days and weeks pass by so swiftly,
It is now the end of November.*

*Thanksgiving dinners are awesome,
And scrumptious—bite after bite,
However—it can stick to your ribs,
And you'll toss and turn all night.*

*A beautiful butterball turkey,
That yesterday was ever so loving,
In the early morning hours,
Was gently placed in the oven.*

*I tearfully thanked the turkey,
For it's generous sacrifice,
And as I dressed it—I blessed it,
Not only once but twice.*

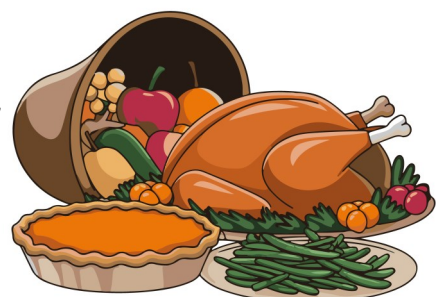
*My tastebud has a huge appetite,
Something I cannot disguise.
Sweet potato—stuffing and gravy,
Cranberries and pumpkin pies.*

*After devouring a spoonful,
I feel such a sense of guilt,
But if my tummy says it's yummy,
I fill my plate to the hilt.*

*I thought about the first time
I attempted to roast a turkey,
Obviously I did something wrong.
It turned into turkey jerky.*

*Our heart is filled with gratitude,
As the family gathers together
At the crowded dining room table,
Like colorful birds of a feather.*

Janice Tao



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December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>10am Bodhi Day/ Shotsuki Hoyo</i> <i>1p Doll Class</i>	2	3 <i>7p Board Meeting (Zoom)</i> <i>7p Scouts</i>	4	5	6	7
8 <i>NO SERVICE</i> Mochi Tsuki <i>Pick-up 9a– Noon</i> <i>See's Candy Pick-up 9a-Noon</i>	9	10 <i>9:30a Ikebana</i> <i>Ichimi Deadline</i> <i>7p Scouts</i>	11 <i>2p Salvation Army Meal Prep</i>	12	13 <i>3p-4p 2nd Harvest Food Distribution</i>	14 <i>10am Private Family Memorial Service</i>
15 <i>10 am Sunday Service</i>	16	17 <i>11:30a Ikebana Year End Luncheon</i> <i>7p Scouts</i>	18	19	20	21
22 <i>NO SERVICE</i>	23 <i>RSTP Deadline for New Year's luncheon</i>	24 <i>7p Scouts</i>	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27 <i>11am Private Family Memorial Service</i>	28
29 <i>NO SERVICE</i>	30	31 <i>6p Joya-e (New Year's Eve) Service</i>				



January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10a Shusho-E (New Year's Day) Service	2	3	4
5 10a Shotsuki Hoyō 1p-4p Doll Class	6	7 7p General Meeting	8 2p Salvation Army Meal Project	9	10 3p-4p 2nd Harvest Food Distribution Ichimi Deadline	11
12 NO SERVICE	13	14 7p Scouts	15	16	17	18
19 10a Hoonko Service	20 Martin Luther King Day	21 7p Scouts	22	23	24	25 9a-3p First Arrangement - Ikebana Hatsu Ike
26 NO SERVICE	27	28 7p Scouts	29	30	31	