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Schedule of July Events

July 1, 3, 8, 10, and 15, 2024—Obon Practice 7pm-8:30pm
July 1-4, 2024—Fireworks Booth
July 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2024—No Sunday Service
July 14, 2024—Monterey Obon
July 20, 2024—Hatsubon Memorial Service @ 10:00am
July 21, 2024—Watsonville Obon
July 28, 2024—Salinas Obon

Tentative Schedule of August Events

Rummage Sale Canceled

August 4, 2024—Shotsuki Hoyo August 12, 2024—Tri-Temple Golf Tournament August 11, 18, and 25, 2024—No Sunday Service

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Ichimi

Obon

Each July we gather together as a temple and observe Obon. The summer season is synonymous with Obon and the many traditions, legends and events associated with it. The season of Obon is associated with a visit to the gravesite of family members. Families will gather and clean the gravesite and offer fresh flowers and burn incense at the gravesite. For many of our family members this means traveling back to their hometowns. The experience of returning home has both emotional and religious significance.

Returning home comes with memories and opportunities to reacquaint ourselves with family and friends. Arriving home, we see familiar landmarks, restaurants, schools and neighborhoods, it can bring back childhood memories and even a longing for bygone days. Upon returning home we cannot help but to reflect upon our deceased family members. Returning home can be emotional as the memories flood back into our hearts and minds. Returning home can also be peaceful, comforting and relaxing.

The tradition of returning home at Obon time is significant. It has been often likened to returning to the home of homes with Amida Buddha. Amida embraces us as we return to our homes, and accepts us just as we are. Faith in Amida's great compassion and wisdom comes with a sense of peace, comfort and relaxation. What that means for us is to return to our original nature, our true and real selves. The true and real self is the self that is able to see life as it truly is. This means embracing the truths of impermanence and interdependency.

The season of Obon, is a time to remember our loved ones who have returned to the Pure Land. As we reflect upon their lives and remember their influence on our lives, we express our deep gratitude to them with visits to the gravesite, making offerings of flowers and incense and putting our hands together in Gassho and reciting the name of Amida, Namoamidabutsu.

Gassho, Rev. Hosei Shinseki



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Special points of interest:

Saturday, July 20 2024 10:00am Hatsubon Service Guest Speaker:





The Watsonville Buddhist Temple wishes to extend our condolences to the Shingai and Kaita Families for the loss of Barbara Shingai



President's Message

Dear Fellow Members

On Saturday, May 25th, our friend Barbara Shingai peacefully left us.

Barbara was a valuable leader of our temple and a ground breaker as the first woman Temple President. She was the "go to" person if you had any question of issues around the temple. She kept track of all our activities and made sure we all remained focused on the task at hand.

Barbara was active in the temple for most of her life. She was a Dharma School student and teacher, Jr. YBA member and officer, and Board member, and officer. Barbara only left the area to attend college at Fresno State University, but returned and married Bob Shingai. Their two children Stephanie and Matt were able to be raised in the same community she was.

Barbara was kind, compassionate, respectful, and dedicated. She also had knowledge of the traditions and history of the temple. These attributes made her the perfect representative of our temple to guests and sangha members alike. It also made her invaluable at her job as Temple Office Administrator. It will take many individuals to do the job she did herself.

Barbara's passing will leave a void in our lives. Let us remember, Barbara would not want us to mourn, but to celebrate her life.

Arigato Barbara for your many years of friendship and service to our temple.

With gassho,

Kenny Kusumoto



Tribute to our Dharma Friend

"The light of your face is unsurpassed in majesty, your awesome greatness is beyond limit, a brightly shining flame with no equal."

All the Sangha members of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple have lost a dear friend in Barbara Shingai. Words cannot express the loss that we feel. Anyone who grew up in Watsonville and attended the temple has come into contact with Barbara. She was in no small measure the heartbeat of our temple. The above quote comes from the Larger Sutra and is Dharmakara praising the Buddha Lokesvararaja. Dharmakara is expressing his/her desire to attain Buddhahood. For all her life Barbara heard and chanted along with all of us the Sanbutsuge and the Juseige which come from the Larger Sutra. There are times in my life when I cannot find the words to express my condolences to the Sangha. I feel that part of my job as a minister is to encourage and help us all understand the loss that we all feel. Whenever we lose someone that we love, someone that means so much to us, we need/want stability in our lives. Dharmakara wanted that as well and found that the way is through the Dharma and Buddhahood.

I want to convince you all to have or develop this same desire for Buddhahood that Dharmakara experienced. How do I do that? I don't have the power like the Buddha so I need help. At this moment no one does that better than Barbara. She was a true defender of the Dharma, working so hard to make certain that everyone would be able to continue to hear the Dharma.

We all have memories and experiences with Barbara, whether it was working on a temple project with her, sharing a meal with her, or traveling with her. Each of those memories and experiences are special and unique to you and your relationship with her. Time will change things, but time will not erase the cherished memories you each have with Barbara. Therein you will find the stability and peace of mind that we seek.

The Nembutsu, namoamidabutsu, represents the stability and peace of mind that the Truth of life offers as great compassion. We have all suffered a great loss of someone we loved so much. And we all miss her and wish we could be together again, these emotions we share with everyone who came into contact with Barbara.

Small actions, thoughts and words and the memories and experiences we all shared with her make her come alive in our hearts and minds, even when we are not aware of it. At that moment we can experience warm memories and feelings as they come alive. At that moment we are showered in the embrace of Barbara whom we love so much. This is the manifestation of the Buddha's Vow. The embrace of our dear Barbara is constantly moving within each of us.

Thank you Bob, Stephanie and Matthew for sharing Barbara with all of us. Thank you Barbara for your strength, wisdom and compassion.

Namoamidabutsu,

Rev. Hosei Jay Shinseki

Thank You ~ Barbara (In Loving Memory of Barbara Shingai) Then our Temple was faced with uncertaint

When our Temple was faced with uncertainties, Barbara graciously offered her expertise. She was the Shining Link that held us together. We will forever be grateful for her endeavor.

Taking care of business ~ plugging all the leaks, Her strong leadership was awesome and unique. Barbara's day started from the crack of dawn, Time after time ~ above and beyond.

During the Covid we shed many tears, But her kindness eliminated many of our fears. She made sure we prevailed when life looked bleak, Guiding us through the valleys and peaks.

I can't forget the image of Barbara at her desk. Did she ever take time for lunch? We can only guess. Her door was always open ~ as was her smile, Inviting us to come in and chat for awhile.

To keep the Chain of Love ~ strong and bright, We will dance for Barbara on our annual Obon night. If by chance she spots us from the cool Summer sky, I will joyously shout-out a spirited "Hi."

Barbara was a staunch and avid football fan, So ~ "Go ~ 49ers ~ on your first homestand!" I'm sure her Super Bowl trips to Vegas and Miami, Were exciting and fun with a double whammy.

In reality ~ we will never be far apart, Because Barbara will always remain in our heart. The love that surrounds her is firmly set in stone, Safe and sound in her home sweet home.

> Janíce Tao (5-2024)



2024 Memorial Service Schedule

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

AUGUST SHOTSUKI HOYO, FAMILY MEMORIAL August 4, 2024 @ 10:00 am

August Shotsuki Hoyo



Watsonville Buddhist Temple Obon Sunday July 21, starting at 12 Noon Dancing will begin at 4:00pm

Obon dance practices will be Mondays and Wednesdays starting June 17. Dates are June 17, 19, 24, 26, July 1, 3, 8, 10, and 15 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Temple Gym.

You are welcome to come out and learn traditional dances with Instructor Akemi Ito.

Thank you for your generous donations

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13th Year Memorial for Toshi Tsudama

Ted and Shirley Tsudama Kevin Tsudama

Yokomizo Family Bennett Ponce/Tara Yokomizo Ponce

Keith and Ashley Tsudama Donna Yokomizo

In Memory of Tadaaki and Akiko Kato 50th Year Memorial for Jihei Kawasaki

Tad and Joann Kato Mr. and Mrs. George Sakai
Tom and Wanda Kato Kiyoshi and Itsuko Kawasaki

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The Velez Family

Donations continued from page 7

Hanamatsuri

Kiyo and Itsuko Kawasaki Thomas M. and Reiko Akiyoshi Jean Yamashita

Linda Kadani and Alan Amemiya Tad and Joann Kato Ken and Dorie Kusumoto Ron and Millicent Mito Jean Akiyama Kiyo and Itsuko Kawasaki

April Shotsuki Hoyo

Kiyo and Itsuko Kawasaki

May Shotsuki Hoyo

Asayo Akiyoshi Kiyo and Itsuko Kawasaki

Eddie Fujii Michiko Matano Tad and Joann Kato Metsko Nakano

June/July Shotsuki Hoyo

Alan and Gayle Uyematsu

Christine Izumizaki Ron and Millicent Mito

Toshiko Yamashita

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Ryoko Kozuki
In Memory of Sumiko Haneta
In Memory of Sumiko Haneta
In Memory of Sumiko Haneta

Yoko Umeda In Memory of Hirako Kawasaki and Chiyano Umeda

Kenny Kusumoto in Memory of Amiko Kusumoto

Save the Date for the Upcoming Tri-Temple Events

September 14, 2024

Tri-Temple Seminar 11:00 am

Featuring Rev. J. P. DeGuzman, PhD

Rev. J. P. DeGuzman, PhD (UCLA) is a comparative and relational race historian. He has published widely on Asian American community formation and histories of racialization, power, and place in Los Angeles.

September 21, 2024

Tri-Temple California Coastal Cleanup

Join us at 9:00 am at the Moss Landing State Beach. Potluck on the beach to follow the cleanup.



2024 Obon & Hatsubon



The 2024 Hatsubon service honoring those who passed since our last Obon will be observed on July 20 (Saturday) at 10:00 am. Our special guest speaker will be Rev. Michael Jones of San Jose.

The 2024 Obon Festival will be held on July 21 (Sunday). This year we are offering families the opportunity to honor their family members with an Obon lantern. Your family member's name will be attached to a lantern and displayed at the Obon festival for years to come. Please complete the form below and a lantern will be created for your family member.

Name of Deceased:	
Date of Death:	
Your Name:	
Homyo/Buddhist Name:	

Please submit the information to the temple office or Rev. Shinseki at revhosei@gmail.com.

Please email Rev. Shinseki if you have any questions.

A \$50 donation or more can be submitted to the temple office for your loved ones lantern.

Gassho



Temple Fireworks Booth

WE NEED YOU



Date: July 1 - July 4

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Temple Parking Lot

WE NEED YOUR HELP AT THIS YEAR'S FIREWORK BOOTH

Our Fireworks fund raiser is one of the Temple's biggest fund raisers and we **need your help**.

If you cannot help in the booth, you can still support the temple by bringing food to feed our volunteers, buying fireworks, waving a flag or stopping by and giving your support to the temple.

Please contact the office or Perry so we can schedule your shift or to let us know what day you are bringing food for the temple volunteers.

Perry Yoshida @ 239-7540- perryy761@aol.com
Temple Office @ 724-7860 - buddhist@wbtemple.org

Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple has requested help from Watsonville Buddhist Temple to prepare for their Obon on Sunday, July 14th. They will need help Friday July 12th at 6pm and Sunday July 14th at 6am. We will be sending a group to assist them.

If you wish to volunteer, please leave your contact information at (831)724-7860 or email us at buddhist@wbtemple.org.



Congratulations to Kai Gavin on his graduation from Endicott College, with a B.S. in Sports Management

Thank You to the following for helping at the June Temple Clean Up. We appreciate your dedication to the Temple & Sangha



Kenny Kusumoto Mabel Broader Patrick Casey Sheryl Wobber Nancy Kuratomi Perry Yoshida Dean Sakae Chiye Tamaki Judy Plummer Caroline Misumi Jamie Kuratomi Kim Yoshida

Lori Yoshida Reba Condon John Yamaoka Shizue Shikuma Ryoko Kozuki



Calling out to anyone who would like to volunteer for the Watsonville Buddhist Temple Obon. We are looking for help Saturday July 20th and Sunday July 21st. Please leave a message at the Temple office (831)724-7860 or email buddhist@wbtemple.org. If we do not get back to you right away, we will be in contact with you as we get closer to Obon.

Thank you for your support.

June 4, 2024 Board Meeting Highlights

Before the meeting President Kenny Kusumoto addressed the loss of a very special and important icon to our temple, Barbara Shingai. The loss was very difficult for all of us, as she was part of our Temple family.

Barbara would want us to continue with our activities and work together to ensure the Temple and Sangha is properly served.

Susan Ikegami, Joann Kato, Ryoko Kozuki, Kim Yoshida, and Sheryl Wobber have volunteered to take on some of the Temple office duties on a temporary basis. We are stilling looking for volunteers to take on other office responsibilities.

Rev. Shinseki announced that he is retiring at the end of July 2024. Rev. Mukojima, resident minister of Mt. View Temple, will be the supervising minister for the Monterey, Salinas, and Watsonville Temples.

The AV system in the Hondo and gym are now upgraded.

Exterior fence is almost complete. The gates need to be installed to complete the project.

The front and back parking lot asphalting has been approved and set to begin some time in August. It should be a 4 day project.

The board decided to cancel the rummage sale for this year. Many of our members have taken on extra duties at the temple and with the number of summer activities it would be better to cancel.

The Board approved a request to use the lawn area for parking for Mrs. Yoshida's service since parking is limited around the temple. They will have volunteers guiding the cars into parking spots. There will also be a letter sent to the residents of the apartments to inform them of the service and parking situation. If this is successful we will be able to utilize the parking plan for other services and events.

The temple website has been set up and a committee was formed with Sensei, Perry Yoshida, Patrick Casey, Tad Kato, Joann Kato, and Sheryl Wobber. Currently, the event days and newsletter pages are active.



Scouting News

The Scout Troop has a camping trip scheduled for June 8th-9th at the Indians area behind Fort Hunter Liggett.

The Cub Pack has their first Family Campout (all family members are invited) on June 22nd-23rd at Thompson Canyon Scout Ranch near King City. The Scout Troop will be assisting the Cub Pack by getting to the camp site on June 21st to get things ready for the Cub Pack Family Campout.

For more information about our Cub Pack and Scout Troop contact Chris Garcia at email eqnematoad@yahoo.com and/or (831)840-4299.

TRI-TEMPLE BUDDHIST GOLF TOURNAMENT

HOSTED BY MONTEREY, SALINAS & WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLES



Mail all entries to:

WHEN: MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024

COURSE: CRAZY HORSE GOLF CLUB, SALINAS, CA

TIME: SHOTGUN START AT 11:00 AM. CHECK IN AT 10:00 AM

FORMAT: 4 Person Scramble

FEE: \$200 (Includes green fees, cart, tee prizes, range balls, prizes & Dinner)

DEADLINE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024

Tri-Temple Golf Tournament

c/o Melvin Aoki

Members and non-members are welcome to participate. There will be a Tri-Temple team flight (consisting of temple members), closest to pins, low gross team, low net team and other prizes including a \$10,000 hole in one contest.

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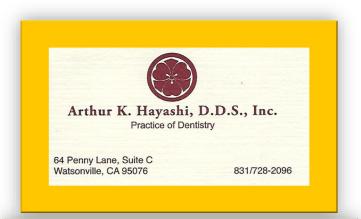
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JULY 2024

				7 pm Scouts		Salinas Obon
			31	30	29	28 NO SERVICE
Memorial				7pm Scouts		WATSONVILLE OBON
27 Private Family	26	25	24	23	22	21 NO SERVICE
				7pm Scouts		Monterey Obon
Memorial Service					Obon Practice 7p	ba Monterey Obon Assistance
20	19	18	17	91	15	14 NO SERVICE
	6p Monterey Obon Assistance		Obon Practice 7p Ichimi Deadline	7pm Scouts		lp-4p Doll Class
Rev. Vacation	Food Distribution	Rev. Vacation	Meal Project	7p WBT Board Mtg (Zoom)	Obon Practice 7p	NO SERVICE
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August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri.	Sat
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4 10 am Shotsuki Hoyo	5	6 7p WBT Board Mtg (Zoom)	7	8	6	10
10 am Shotsuki Hoyo 1p-4p Doll Class		(Zoom) 7p Scouts			3p-4p 2nd Harvest Food Distribution	Ichimi Deadline
II	12	13	14	15	16	17
NO SERVICE	10 am Tri-Temple Golf Tournament	9am Ikebana 7p Scouts	2pm Salvation Army Meal Project			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
NO SERVICE		Rev. Vacation 7p Scouts	Rev. Vacation	Rev. Vacation	Rev. Vacation	Rev. Vacation
25 NO SERVICE Rev. Vacation	26 Rev. Vacation	27 Rev. Vacation 7p Scouts	28	29	30	31