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Schedule of October Events

October 4-6, 2024—Coast District BWA Conference
October 6, 2024—Shotsuki Hoyo 10am
October 13, 2024—Sunday Service
October 20 and 27, 2024—No Sunday Service

Tentative Schedule of November Events

November 3, 2024—Shotsuki Hoyo 10am
November 10, 17, and 24, 2024—No Sunday Service
November 20, 2024—See's Candy Order Deadline
November 24, 2024—Mochi Order Deadline

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Resolving Conflicts Within

“In the matter of compassion, the path of sages and the Pure Land path differ. Compassion in the path of sages is to pity, sympathize with, and care for beings. But the desire to save others from suffering is vastly difficult to realize.”

Here in this quote from the Tannisho, Shinran Shonin shares with us the difficulty of saving others from suffering. In today’s world full of conflict, differing views, wars and human suffering people wonder what is the goal of Buddhism, and how can Buddhism help? Some will say that the answer to, or the resolution to conflict can be found in Buddhism. The goal of Buddhism is to reach Enlightenment. Some will say that by reaching Enlightenment we can resolve conflict.

Most of us are compassionate human beings who feel for the suffering of others. As we look around the world, we see numerous disasters befalling the world, from raging wars, wildfires, typhoons, hurricanes and on and on. Some of these events affect us more than others, why is that so? Are some lives more valuable than others? Is it because we know someone suffering. We know we should do something and feel equally, but we are conflicted when for a number of reasons we cannot do what we feel we would like to. The greater our awareness of the self and our reactions the more we feel for all beings who are experiencing suffering.

The key here is awareness of the self. We too are the source of conflict and suffering. In Buddhism we create our own karma with everything we say do and think. We get frustrated, we get angry we use the world to make our lives comfortable. As self-awareness grows so does our realization of our narrow view and our limited compassion for others.

As much as we wish to help others and alleviate their suffering, this self is limited. Often we are limited by our lack of understanding of a situation or it is based on our self-centered perception of things. The Buddha talked about what he called

The Gate of the Three Perceptions 三觀門. They are: impermanence; powerlessness or helplessness and guilt. We come to realize that things don’t go as planned, there are things beyond our capacity to change and we feel guilty that we did not or cannot do more.

When we lose a loved one, we enter the gate of the three perceptions. We see impermanence unfolding before our eyes, we feel helpless at helping our loved one and we feel guilt at not having done more for them or for not saying what needed to be said. When we realize this and our eyes are open we enter the gate of the Dharma.

Upon entering the gate of the Dharma we begin to see the powerless self and at the same time the embrace of the Buddha who understands us and has unlimited compassion for us.

Namoamidabutsu,
Gassho,
Rev. Hosei Shinseki

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Members:

It's hard to believe summer is over and fall is beginning. We had a busy and productive June and July with a bit of a break in August.

September started with a live stream viewing at the temple of the BCA 125th Anniversary celebration. The service provided a short history of the BCA from the first minister's great grandson giving a short talk and a slideshow of all 60 temples and their respective Hon-dos. Reverend Dr. David Matsumoto gave the keynote address.

The Tri-Temple Seminar was held on Saturday, 9/14. Reverend JP de Guzman from the San Fernando Valley Buddhist Temple was the guest speaker via zoom. Reverend de Guzman also was the guest speaker for the Ohigan Service on Sunday, 9/15. His knowledge and his examples of Buddhism in daily life and popular culture was excellent. We hope to have him visit our temple in the near future.


The Tri-Temple Beach Coastal Clean-up was held on Saturday, 9/21. Members from Salinas, Monterey and Watsonville helped pick up garbage in Moss Landing.

Thank you to those who participated in the Panda Express fundraiser that was held on Friday, 9/27. The Temple will receive 28% from your online orders.

The office transition is going smoothly. Sheryl Wobber is handling Ichimi, Susan Ikegami is responsible for the administration of the temple and JoAnn Kato is sending thank you correspondence for donations.

Our next service will be our Shotsuki Hoyo for October on 10/6 at 10:00 AM.

Gassho,
Kenny Kusumoto

	The Watsonville Buddhist Temple wishes to extend our condolences to the family of Sherri Elliston
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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		

OCTOBER SHOTSUKI HOYO, FAMILY MEMORIAL

October 6, 2024 @ 10:00 am

October Shotsuki Hoyo

Akiyoshi, Masao	Kimura, Yoshiko	Nakamura, Kazume	Taniguchi, Sadakichi
Aoki, Sharon Harumi	Kobara, Kathy	Nakamura, Mas	Tao, Minoru
Arao, Phyllis	Kohara, Yoshihiro	Nakamura, Tadao	Tao, Shigeo
Chihara, Mitsuye	Kowai, Glenn	Nishita, Dennis	Tao, Tom Tamotsu
Fujii, Masayuki	Mametsuka, Tom	Nishita, Wayne	Teshima, Chiyoko
Haneta, Atae	Manabe, Masako	Nitao, Kuniyoshi	Teshima, Takeshi
Hayashida, Miyeko	Manabe, Tsugiye Dorothy	Nitta, Fred	Tsudama, Masato
Hayashida, Yaye	Matano, Yoshino	Phillips, Susan Tsukino	Tsuji, Frank
Higaki, Bengo	Matsunami, Sumiko	Itaya	Yamamoto, Satoko
Hirahara, Teruko	Mayeda, Kazue	Sasano,,Fuyu	Yamashita, Masayuki
Hirahara, Tommy	Mine, Elizabeth Libby	Shibata, Matsue	Yamashita, Miye
Hiwatashi, Jioji	Mino, Tadashi	Shirachi, Masajiro	Yamashita, Tookizo
Iizushita, Tsuroko	Misumi, Alice	Sumida, Mamoru	Yorita, Tsunesaburo
Ikeda, Kazuo	Murakami, Tom	Suzuki, Fumiko	Yoshida, Goro
Kadotani, Masataka	Nagata, Reichi	Tada, Hane	Yoshii, Jukichi
Kawasaki, Yoshiko	Nakahara, Yoshiyo	Tada, Kazue	
Kikuchi, Hisato	Nakamura, Betty	Tada, Richard	

NOVEMBER SHOTSUKI HOYO, FAMILY MEMORIAL

November 3, 2024 @ 10:00 am

November Shotsuki Hoyo

Akiyama, Sadatoshi	Iwanaga, Tokiuyemon Jim	Mino, Barbara Ayako	Tada, Ben
Aoki, Tom Tsutomu	Izumizaki, Sadao	Mio, Kazuji "Kaz"	Takamune, Rosie
Aramaki, Kumaki	Kadotani, Hana	Misumi, Saburo	Takei, Jean
Arao, Henry Yasumasu	Kadotani, Peggy Ayako	Nagamine, Daisy Iku	Tao, Katsumi Jim
Arao, Taisuke	Kaita Jerri	Nagamine, Roy Takashi	Tominaga, Tatsuyoshi
Arita, Yoshino	Kaita, Kiyomi	Nakahara, Shikiye	"Tats"
Eto, Mitsugu	Kajihara, Bill Kennichi	Nakamori, Natsu	Ura, Senzo
Fukuhara, Helen Natsuko	Kajihara, Masayo	Nishita, Hiroshi	Wada, Maso
Fujii, Chizue	Kajihara, Sadao	Nitta, Tokuki	Wakayama, Fusajiro
Fujita, Shinhichi	Kajihara, Shizuko	Oda, Betty	Wobber, William
Fujita, Yoshio	Kajihara, Takeshi	Ogawa, Chiyo	Yagi, Tami
Hamada, Sasayo	Kamimoto, Yoshiko	Okamoto, Fumiko	Yamakoshi, Kikuyo
Hara, Fumiko	Kinoshita, Hatsumo	Ota, Lois	Yamamoto, Kiku
Hara, Toraji	Kohara, Kimi	Sakae, Roy	Yamashita, Hideo
Higaki, Dick Takashi	Kohara, Shinnosuke	Shiotani, Fumiko Frances	Yoshida, Charles
Idemoto, Mitsuji	Matsui, Isao "Sully"	Shirachi, Ryu	Yoshida, Kinu
Iwanaga, Fujino	Matsunami, Kunishige	Sukekane, Ayano	

Thank you for your generous donations

Hamada Family	In Memory of Teruo Hamada	
Metcko Nakamoto	In Memory of Nakayo Nakamoto and Shoso Nakamoto	
Perry and Kim Yoshida	Mae Yoshida 49 Day Service	
Lori Yoshida	Mae Yoshida 49 Day Service	
Lucy Yoshida		
Marcia Hashimoto	125th BCA Anniversary	
Hideko Nagamine		
Sam and Yaeko Sakamoto	Obon and Rev. Shinseki's Retirement from BCA	
Alan and Gayle Uyematsu	In Memory of Kinue Wada	
Sharon Carreiro	In Memory of Kikuye Hirano	
Itaru and Aiko Nitao	In Memory of Hatsushi Rintaro	
Jennifer Gavin	In Memory of Ernie Ura	
Esther Ura	In Memory of Ernest Ura	
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Chiye Tamaki	In Appreciation of Bill Wurtenberg	
Mabel Broader	In Memory of Gerald Kondo	
Chiye Tamaki	In Memory of Gerald Kondo	
Michiko Matano	in Memory of Gerald Kondo	
<u>Shotsuki Hoyo</u>		
Reed and Nancy Kuratomi	Janice Tao	
Hisako Kodama	Kenny and Doris Kusumoto	
<u>Ohigan</u>		
Sam and Kiiko Akiyama	Emiko Kaita	Judy Plummer
Esther Ura	Barry and Toshiko Phillips	Bill and Gail Wurtenberg
Ryoko Suruki	Hiroko Sakimoto	Riiko Yoshida
Tamaki Family		

September 3, 2024 Board Meeting Highlights

Sensei reported that retired BCA ministers; Rev. Miyaji, Rev. Kujo, and Rev. Rebecca McDonald have passed away.

Fireworks sales were slower this year. This could be due to the street closure in front of the parking lot and July 4th was on a Tuesday. Sales should be better next year.

Congratulations on Rev. Shinseki's retirement and thank you for staying on as our minister.

No report from the Scouts, but there was a nice turnout for National Night Out. They had temple members, members of the community, the Mayor, Chief of Police and the Fire Department Battalion Chief stopping by.

The microphones in the hondo have been fixed and updated. The gym now has 5 working speaker and mixer working.

Norman Uyeda will be retiring as our treasurer at the end of the year. Norman has served our temple since 2004. We are grateful for his diligence and hard work over the years. He will continue to help out as much as he can. Carolyn Misumi has volunteered to become our new treasurer. She is currently shadowing Norman for a gradual transition. Please give her all your support.



A Fair To Remember

(2006 County Fair)

*Baby ~ we sure have come a long ways,
Since horse drawn carriage and buggy days.
This is not your Grandpa's Oldsmobile.
It's hydrogen highways and hybrid hot wheels.*

*I-pods ~ X-box and Nintendos,
PlayStation ~ DVDs ~ Slingbox and TiVos.
The Santa Cruz County Fair is wine in its prime.
Ageing has made it more sweet and sublime,*

*So put on some sneakers and dungarees.
Forget the real world and its idiosyncrasies.
Ride the Ferris Wheel in a frivolous way.
Be a kid again on "Opening Day."*

*Chase the racing pigs going round and around.
Do a jig with a pig to the Big Band sound.
Hop ~ skip ~ and jump to all the exhibitions,
And let go of your pent-up inhibitions.*

*View veggies and fruit of incredible sizes,
Dressed in their very best ~ vying for prizes.
Legos ~ and dolls ~ a remarkable collection.
Let's vote for kids in the coming election.*

*Savor the flavor of 'burgers and fries,
Jalapeno peppers that will open your eyes.
Pop a balloon in the bustling Midway,
Then end your day in a musical way.*

*Live performers are big barnstormers,
And hot Mariachis are global warmers.
If you're feeling cool ~ turn up the heat.
Stomp your feet to the Latin beat.*

*As you go dancing down the aisle,
Show the world the sunshine of your smile.
Light up your life on a day in September.
One moment in time at "A Fair To Remember."*

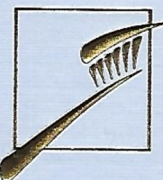
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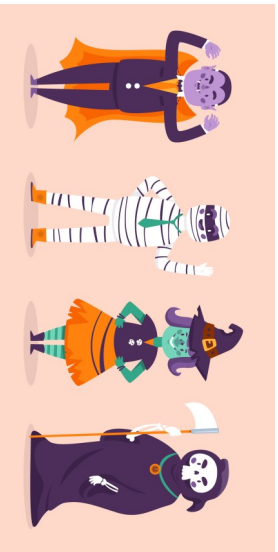
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October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7p Board Meeting (Zoom) 7p Scouts	2	3	4 BWA Conference	5 BWA Conference
6 10 am Shoitsuki Hoyo 1p-4p Doll Class BWA Conference	7	8 9:30a Ikebana 7p Scouts	9 2p Salvation Army Meal Prep	10 Ichimi Deadline	11 3p-4p 2nd Harvest Food Distribution	12 11am Family Memorial Service
13 10 am Sunday Service	14 Indigenous People's Day	15 7p Scouts	16	17	18	19
20 NO SERVICE	21	22 9:30a Ikebana 7p Scouts	23	24	25	26 11am Family Memorial Service
27 NO SERVICE	28	29 7p Scouts	30	31 Hallowewn		



November 2024

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3 10 am Shotosuki Hoyo 1p-4p Doll Class Daylight Savings	4 Sensei on vacation	5 7pm Board Meeting (Zoom) 7p Scouts Sensei on vacation	6 Sensei in vacation	7 Sensei on vacation	8 3p-4p 2nd Harvest Food Distribution Sensei on vacation	9 Sensei on vacation	
10 NO SERVICE Ichimi Deadline Sensei on vacation	11 Veteran's Day Sensei on vacation	12 9:30a Ikebana Class 7p Scouts Sensei in vacation	13 9:30a Ikebana Class 2p Salvation Army Meal Project Sensei on vacation	14 Sensei on vacation	15 Sensei on vacation	16 Sensei on vacation	
17 NO SERVICE Sensei on vacation	18 Sensei on vacation	19 7p Scouts Sensei on vacation	20 See's Candy order deadline Sensei on vacation	21 Sensei on vacation	22 Sensei on vacation	23 Sensei on vacation	
24 NO SERVICE Mochi order deadline	25 Sensei on vacation	26 7p Scouts Sensei on vacation	27 Sensei on vacation	28 THANKSGIVING	29 Sensei on vacation	30 Sensei on vacation	