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April 2019 Schedule of Events

Tues., April 2 – Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

~~Thurs., April 4 – ABA Meeting, 10:00 am~~ **CANCELLED/No meeting in April**

Sun. April 7 – Sunday/Shotsuki Hoyo/Dharma Youth Service, 10:00 am

Sun. April 14 – Bi-Temple (Monterey & Watsonville) Hanamatsuri Service in Monterey @ 10:00am
Luncheon to Follow (Carpooling available; sign-up in Temple Office)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Brian Nagata

Sun., April 21 – Watsonville Hanamatsuri Sunday Service, 10:00 am
Festival from 11:00am to 2:00pm

Sun., April 28 – **No Sunday Service** (due to CDDSTL Conference, San Jose)

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Birthdays

Each day of the month throughout the year someone, somewhere is celebrating a birthday. For some people the day of their birth is a wonderful day of celebration. People gather with friends and family to honor and celebrate. Some people are rather ambivalent about their birthdays, they would rather not celebrate and don't like all the hoopla with a birthday celebration. Or you might be like me. I remember my birthday, but I seem to have lost track of how old I really am.

2019 is the year of the boar. If your child is born this year or you are turning 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, 96 or lucky enough to be turning 108 you were born in the year of the boar or *inoshishi*. It is always fun to look at the characteristics aligned with the twelve zodiac animals. The boar is said to be cheerful, flexible, gentle, and optimistic. Most people born in the year of the boar possess a genial and accommodating personality and would not harm others. They often hold unique attitudes and standpoints among their peers.

Some of you may be grinning now as you think of your friend or someone you know who was born under the sign of the boar. However, it is also said about those born in the year of the boar that they can be a dark side as well. They can be stubborn, naïve, over-reliant, self-indulgent, easy to anger and materialistic.

In truth as we look at ourselves we can and have been all of these. We can be cheerful, flexible, gentle, stubborn, naïve, angry and self-indulgent. If the zodiac sign were true we are all boars, rabbits, dogs etc. Not one person can say they haven't worn the mask of all the twelve animals of the zodiac at one time or another. The Buddha truly understood this about us.

Once the Buddha was told by a brahman not to approach and called the Buddha an outcast. The Buddha asked the brahman if he knew what an outcast was, and when he replied he did not know the Buddha listed 27 characteristics that make one an outcast. Included were:

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Special points of interest

- Sunday, April 7, 10:00 am
Shotsuki Hoyo/Dharma Youth
- Sunday, April 14, 10:00am Bi-
Temple Hanamatsuri Service &
Luncheon, Monterey (Guest
Speaker: Rev. Brian Nagata)
- Sunday, April 21, 10:00 am,
Hanamatsuri Sunday Service;
Festival 11:00 am-2:00pm (Hall)
- Sunday, April 28—No Sunday
Service
- Sunday, April 28—Watsonville
Bonsai Show 10:00am—4:00pm
(Hall)

APRIL SHOTSUKI HOYO, FAMILY MEMORIAL

Sunday, April 7, 2019 10:00 am

Boone, Aaron	Maemura, Gunzo	Toriumi, Junko
Daitoku, Bob	Matano, Toro	Tsuda, Kakichi
Eto, Niichi	Matsui, Nihei	Tsudama, Sonny
Fujii, Seiko	Matsumoto, Alice	Tsuji, Yoshihisa
Fujimura, Tamotsu	Matsumoto, Shio	Tsuji, Yukiko
Fujita, George Sakae	Mine, Seki	Ura, Naoko
Fujita, Kazuo	Misumi, Mitsuo	Ura, Sawano
Hirahara, Nancy Miyeko	Miyama, Richard	Uyeda, Nora Nobuko
Hashimoto, Walter	Nishihara, Dennis	Uyematsu, Mary
Higaki, Kazuko	Nitao, Eki	Uyematsu, Roy
Higaki, Haruso	Okamoto, Takeru	Waki, Louis
Hirano, Hisa	Okamoto, Frank Mitsuo	Yamaguchi, Mitomu
Hiwatashi, Teruko	Ono, Miyoko	Yamanishi, Asayo
Hoshiyama, George	Sakai, Yutaka	Yamaoka, Yoneichi
Ikeda, Henry	Sakakihara, Hisae	Yonekura, Rinzo
Inokuchi, Itsuyo	Sera, Kina	Yoshida, Edward
Kaita, Brad Roy	Shimonishi, Tony	Yoshida, Kazuye
Kaita, Yoshiye	Shingai, Tsunaye	Yoshida, Hatsue
Kajihara, Setsuko	Shingai, Yukio	
Kamimura, Sanemi	Shirachi, Mickie	
Kamitani, Haruko	Sugimoto, Frances	
Kimoto, Takanoshin	Sukekane, Masaru	
Kikuchi, Kazuo	Suruki, Kozo	
Kobara, Helen	Takata, Chikako	
Kokka, Henry	Takei, Yasu	
Kurasaki, John	Tao, Akira Bill	
Kurimoto, John Masao	Tao, Hisae	

With Sad News to Share:

Mrs. Teruko (Terry) Tsumura passed away on Thursday, Feb. 28, at a board & care home in San Jose. She was 92 years old. She passed peacefully and the family is having a small, private memorial service for her in April. In lieu of flowers, donations are asked to be made to the building fund of San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin.

Without a doubt, her favorite years as a faithful minister's wife was in Watsonville. Those 16 years were extra special, not just because we were born there, but due to the warmth, generosity, and hospitality all of the dedicated and friendly members. Thank you.

In Gassho,
Ken & Jayne Tsumura



Birthdays (Continued from page 2)

1. "Whosoever is angry, harbors hatred, and is reluctant to speak well of others (discredits the good of others), perverted in views, deceitful — know him as an outcast.
2. "Whosoever in this world kills living beings, once born or twice born, in whom there is no sympathy for living beings — know him as an outcast.
3. "Whosoever destroys and besieges villages and hamlets and becomes notorious as an oppressor — know him as an outcast.

The Buddha continued to list those who would be considered an outcast, aside from the clearly bad deeds listed above, he also mentioned lying, deceit prideful and anger as well. The last thing he said was,

"Not by birth is one an outcast; not by birth is one a brahman. By deed one becomes an outcast, by deed one becomes an brahman."

The Buddha clearly wanted the brahman to understand that one's deeds are more important than one's birth. Not once did the Buddha admonish the brahman, but only shed light on the truth. As much fun as it is to follow astrological signs and the characteristics assigned to them, we should see that we have been and will continue to be by definition outcast. That however, does not doom us to be condemned forever.

Showing true compassion for all beings, the Buddha made vows to save all sentient beings regardless of our ignorance and stubborn refusal to see the truth of our lives. Shinran discovered in the Pure Land teaching and in particular the vows of the Buddha the evidence to the salvation of even the vilest of persons.

**"The Mind aspiring for Buddhahood
Is the mind seeking to save all sentient beings
The mind seeking to save all sentient beings
Is the True Faith of the Other Power."**

The vows made by the Buddha have been fulfilled and our salvation is assured by those vows and in particular the 18th vow of nembutsu. Regardless of the year of our birth and whether or not we manifest the good or bad qualities of our zodiac sign, we are embraced by the Buddha. Namoamidabutsu is the expression of gratitude for what has already taken place.

This month we will celebrate the birthday of Siddhartha Gautama who became the Buddha Shakyamuni. The festival is called *Hanamatsuri* or the flower festival. His appearance in the world is to be celebrated, because it was the child Siddhartha who would become the Buddha and vow to save all sentient beings.

Watsonville will have two celebrations of the Buddha's birth. The first will be a shared service with Monterey Buddhist Temple on April 14th at 10:00 am (1155 Noche Buena Street, Seaside, CA) with special guest speaker Rev. Brian Nagata.

The second celebration will be on April 21st at the Watsonville Buddhist Temple. Service will be at 10:00 am followed by the Hanamatsuri festival at 11:00 am with food, displays and demonstrations. Visit our website at www.wbtemple.org for more information.

Gassho,
Rev. Hosei Shinseki

Donations— Watsonville Buddhist Temple gratefully acknowledges your generous support:

In Appreciation

Kawasaki, Kiyo & Aileen – Movie Night
Lopez, Isabel – In memory of Tatsue Matoba
Misumi, Carolyn – In memory of Saburo Misumi
Morimune, Betty – In memory of Jeri Kaita
Sakae, Wayne – In memory of Pauline Sakae
Sterling, Mr. & Mrs. – In memory of Dean Yonemoto
Tamaki Family – In memory of Miyeko Tamaki

Hoonko Service

Morimune, Betty

Nirvana Day

Tanimoto, Ken

Ohigan Donations

Akiyama, Jean
Akiyama, Kiiko
Fujii, Nobue
Hamada, Dennis
Hashimoto, Mas
Kawasaki, Kiyo & Aileen
Matsunami, Sadao
Morimune, Betty
Nitao, Itaru
Okamoto, Itsuko
Sakaguchi, Eiko
Sakamoto, Sam
Shingai, Barbara

Tamasu, Chieko
Tanimasa, Fumi
Tanimoto, Ken
Tao, Janice
Tao, Mitsuyo
Tao, Shizuko
Umeda, Yoko
Yamamoto, Ruth
Yamamoto, Tee
Yamashita, Iwao
Yamashita, Toshiko
Yoshida, Mae
Yoshida, Perry & Kim

Tamaki Family



On behalf of the Sangha of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, we wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family of Gary Tao.



HANAMATSURI — EVERYONE PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES:

Friday, April 12th 5:00 pm

Gym set up - Cover kitchen floor, sweep & mop stage,
Set up dining, concession, display, raffle tables and panels,
linens on tables, self serve table with utensils, hot cups, napkin
holders, clean and set up Entertainment lounge, check and fill
supplies in bathrooms and kitchen, set out Banner on corner
of parking lot.

Thursday, April 18th 9:00 am

Sushi Prep- Cook and cut eggs for Maki sushi & Chirashi,
slice or cut all sushi ingredients & Yakisoba vegetables.

Saturday, April 20th 12:00 pm

Decorate the Hanamido - Flowers, wisteria, and greens appreciated.

Sunday, April 21st Hanamatsuri Day

4:30 am Cook rice
5:00 am Season rice
5:15 am Cool rice
6:00 am Maki Sushi maker volunteers
Inari Sushi filler volunteers
Cut & Pack sushi & clean up.
9:30 am Pack desserts
10:00 am HANAMATSURI SERVICE
11:00 am HANAMATSURI FESTIVAL BEGINS!



THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!!!!

Hanamatsuri Raffle Sunday, April 21

Your Hanamatsuri Planning Committee is looking for contributions for this years raffle. If you are able to contribute a gift card or raffle item, please drop off your item at the temple office (please mark your item as a Hanamatsuri Raffle Item)

*Thank
you*

2019 Temple Dues

REMINDER: Please submit your Temple dues for the 2019 calendar year now with the completed membership form to the Temple Office. There is NO increase in the 2019 annual dues. 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. Thank you. NOTE: The portion of the temple dues per person that goes to the Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) is approx. \$138.

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 extra \$10 per person/\$20 per family is for the outside cleaning service the Temple uses to clean the facilities on a regular basis.

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

Hirahara, Kaoru & Terry
Minami, Arlene
Kuratomi, Reed & Nancy
Wobber, Sheryl
Nagamine, Akira
Morimune, Betty
Yamanishi, Sayuri

Highlights of Temple Board Meeting – March 2019

Minister's Report:

1. National Minister's/National Council Meeting, Mar. 6-10, 2019 in Phoenix, AZ
2. BWA Bingo & Bento – Tues., Mar. 12 @ 10a. RSVP to Temple Office by March 5.
3. Neighborhood Levee Clean-up Sat., Mar. 16 @ 9am
4. Watsonville will be hosting Nembutsu Family Conference in 2020 (date to be determined)
5. Federation Dharma School Teachers League Conference – April 27-28, 2019 in San Jose
6. April 30th – Tentative date for one day seminar with Mr. Gregg Krech, Director & Founder of Todo Institute (teachings based on Naikan Psychotherapy founded in Japan)

Temple Reports:

Joint Hanamatsuri will be hosted by Monterey/Watsonville on Sun., April 14, 2019 in Monterey at 10am, followed by luncheon. Carpooling will be provided from Watsonville. Sign-up sheet in temple office.

World BWA Convention: Aug. 30-Sept. 1 in San Francisco.

National Council meeting in March 2019 will be attended by Rev. Shinseki, Perry Yoshida and Barbara Shingai.

Temple Maintenance: Replacement of rain gutters on temple apartments/garage building to begin the week of March 11, 2019. Repair of underground gas pipe to Apt. #7 completed.

Old Business:

Museum of Art & History (MAH) Blue Plaque – Temple has been nominated for the 2019 Blue Plaque award, which is an honorary architectural/historical preservation award. Award to be presented in May 2019.

Udon Recap meeting held on March 5, 2019. Event was very successful. Suggestions made for next year's event.

Future temple events: Recommendation to provide more handicapped parking spaces in front of temple by gym.

New Business:

Committee Assignments for 2019: Chairpersons are being approached to coordinate key fundraisers for temple.

Strategic Planning Meeting: Tues., March 19 @ 6pm.

Watsonville Hanamatsuri Festival – Sun., April 21: Event Chairperson: Kim Yoshida

10am Service; 11am – 2:00pm Festival including food sales, exhibits and entertainment/demonstrations.

Fri., April 12 @ 5pm in gym: Event set-up; Thurs., April 18 @ 9am Sushi Prep; Sat, 4/20: Set-up Hanamido;

Sun. April 21: Sushi Prep, etc. Looking for Wisteria for Hanamido; contact Yoshie Maemura if you have some or know of someone who can donate this. **Any raffle prizes are welcomed.**

Organizational Reports:

Host Families – Temple was contacted if anyone interested in being a Host Family for visiting students from Japan (from mid- to late March)- contact Perry Yoshida.

Future Movie Nights at Watsonville: May 3, September 6, November 8.

Next Board Meeting: **Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:30 pm.** Toban: Dennis Hamada & Tracey Haneta (plus Shotsuki Hoyo on April 7)

1 Bedroom Temple Apt. available

One bedroom/one bathroom; Living Room, Kitchen and Dining area

Rent includes water and garbage

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Preference given to Temple members

Interested parties are asked to contact Barbara Shingai, c/o Apt. Committee at 831-840-3301. All rental applications will be reviewed by Temple Apartment Committee.

ABA Meeting, March 7, 2019

Thank you to all temple members for their hard work at the Udon feed, and to Nancy Kuratomi and her team for chairing the event. Udon sold out by 6pm and it's been proposed to prepare an additional 100 bowls next year.

Thank you note received from Rev. Shinseki for the very generous Oseibo.

Thank you note received from Danny Souza (son of Al Souza and Phyllis Nakano) for all the support he has received from the temple through the years. Danny has completed his Bachelor's degree in mechanical and aeronautical engineering at Case Western Reserve Academy and will start working on his Master's degree there.

Toshi Yamashita reports there are 33 paid ABA members. Please send \$5 ABA dues to the temple office. DO NOT mail dues to Toshi's home address.

We have received an excellent response of 35 signups for the BWA Bingo/Bento event on March 12. Ken Tanimoto purchased 100 new bingo cards. BWA is funding the bentos from Miyuki. ABA and Rev. Shinseki/BWA are providing bingo prizes.

10 members have signed up to attend the BWA conference in San Francisco in August 2019. San Luis Obispo & Monterey participants will join Watsonville attendees for the bus trip up to this conference.

The temple's Neighborhood Levee Cleanup on Sat., Mar 16 starts at 9am, **not** 10am. Areas for cleanup will be mapped out and assigned whenever you show up.

Suggested future Japanese cooking class: Trying to schedule a Saturday time slot for an Umani (Japanese stew) cooking demonstration by Alice Tanimoto.

Hanamatsuri Service and lunch on Sun., Apr 14 at the Monterey Temple. Watsonville temple will provide chicken salad. Carpool signup available in temple office lobby. Carpool will leave at 9am.

ABA meetings will be held every other month. Next meeting is Thursday May 9, 10am.

In Rice, We Trust

*Whenever I'm enticed by a bowl of rice,
It reminds me that rice has made great sacrifice,
And I am humbly drawn to the realization,
It was for the sake of our culture and civilization.*

*Reverting back to my childhood days,
Life with rice was good in many ways.
Freshly cooked rice was warm and fulfilling,
And rice-plastered wallpaper kept me from chilling.*

*The kites that we flew beyond the blue,
Were painstakingly crafted with sticky rice glue.
Rice wine is consumed from a dainty little cup,
But it is dangerous to keep saying, "Fill 'er up!"*

*Embellished with pickles or narazuke,
Is the ever popular tea over rice, or ochazuke.
Although fried rice may not be good for the waist,
How can one resist such incredible taste?*

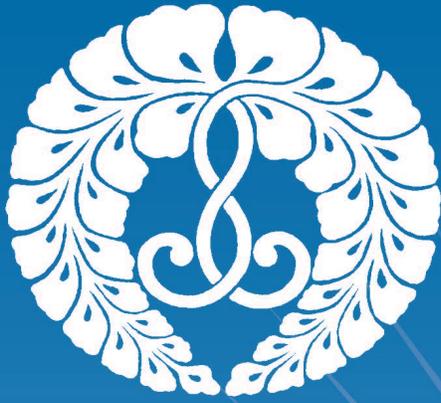
*A popular San Francisco treat is Rice-a-Roni,
But you just can't beat musubi with shoyu bologna.
Portuguese sausage definitely brings out the spice
Of a hot Hawaiian dish ~ namely, eggs over rice.*

*As our world expands and taste buds change,
Even rice has turned into something strange.
The chi-chi dango is a sweet mochi cake,
But the California roll is not an earthquake.*

*Sushi chefs are always aiming to please,
But seaweed wrapped rice ~ with cream cheese?
And is Jerry Rice famous because of his name,
Or did Dancing With The Stars bring him fame?*

*Rice will forever reign in its' glory,
For without rice, there would be no rice story.
No matter what we make of it, rice is still king.
With gratitude to rice ~ Of thee I sing!*

*janice tao
(2011)*



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Hanamatsuri Service**
Luncheon to follow

Special Guest Speaker
Rev. Brian Nagata

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WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST TEMPLE



HANAMATSURI

FLOWER FESTIVAL

CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF
SHAKYAMUNI BUDDHA

SERVICE & TEMPLE TOUR
SERVICE AT 10:00AM
TOUR AT 11:00AM

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST
11:00AM TO 2:00PM
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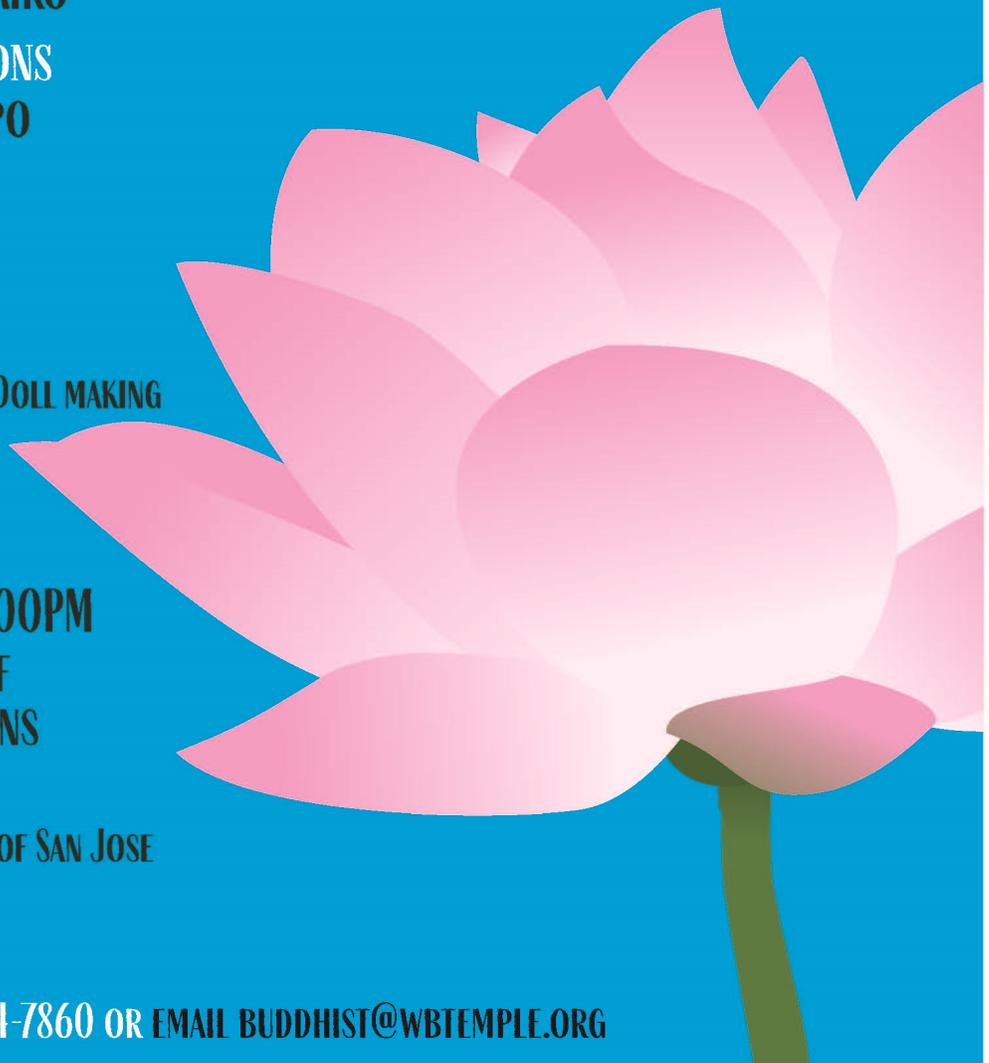
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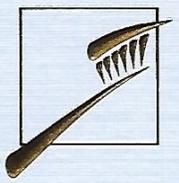
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Monterey, Salinas & Watsonville Buddhist Temple present:

Naikan: Gratitude, Grace and the Japanese Art of Self-Reflection

Featured speaker Gregg Krech.

Tuesday evening, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. April 30th.

By reflecting deeply upon ourselves, we can not only deepen our grasp of spiritual teachings but cultivate a sincere foundation of gratitude and improve our relationships with others.

GREGG KRECH is an author, poet, and one of the leading authorities on Japanese Psychology in North America. His work has been featured in THE SUN magazine, Tricycle, SELF, Utne Reader, Counseling Today, Cosmopolitan and Experience Life. His books include "Naikan: Gratitude, Grace, and the Japanese Art of Self-Reflection," "A Natural Approach to Mental Wellness," "The Art of Taking Action" and "A Finger Pointing to the Moon." His newest book, "Question Your Life," will be available in June, 2017.

Gregg and his wife, Linda, founded the ToDo Institute

(<http://www.todoinstitute.org>), a non-profit center in Vermont that uses Japanese Psychology as an alternative to traditional Western approaches to psychology. Over the past 25 years, Gregg has introduced Japanese Psychology, particularly Naikan Therapy, Morita Therapy and Kaizen, to thousands of people through his workshops and online courses. His work supports a blend of the psychological, the spiritual and the practical, and helps individuals to clarify purpose, cultivate gratitude, develop compassion and engage in meaningful action. He is a member of the North American Naikan Counsel and Editor in Chief for the quarterly journal "Thirty Thousand Days: A Journal for Purposeful Living."

When: April 30, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Where: Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple, 1155 Noche Buena Street, Seaside

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