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Tentative Schedule of October 2020 Events

Schedule of events will be re-evaluated based on the current status of COVID-19.

[Go to Temple website (www.wbtemple.org) and click on YouTube link]

**Sun., Oct. 4 - Sunday/Shotsuki Hoyo/BWA Memorial &
Eshinni (wife of Shinran Shonin) Memorial Service @ 10am - (Live Streaming)
Guest Speaker: Bishop Marvin Harada**

Sun., Oct. 11 - Sunday Service @ 10am ((Live Streaming)

Sun., Oct. 18 - Sunday Service @ 10am (Live Streaming)

Sun., Oct. 25 - Sunday Service @ 10am (Live Streaming)

Sun., Nov. 1 - Sunday/Shotsuki Hoyo/Eitaikyo Service
@ 10am (Live Streaming)

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Mist of Error and Foolish Vanity of Self

The title of this article comes from a Buddhist reading that you may have heard from time to time. The full quote goes like this,

“May the wisdom of the All-Compassionate One so shine within our hearts and minds, that the mists of error and the foolish vanity of self be dispelled. So shall we understand the changing nature of existence and reach spiritual peace.”

I was reminded of this quote as I sit here in my patio looking out at the dreary sunless sky. Now days I can't tell if it is the smoke from the wild fires or the clouds that are blocking out the sun. The leaves on my maple tree are starting to turn from green to a yellowish gold color and the air is a cool 63°. This tells me that Fall is around the corner.

I can't recall the last time that I saw the sun shine and blue skies overhead. I miss the warmth of the sun and being able to go outside and sit on my patio chair and soak in the sun and the clean air. I know that behind those clouds of smoke and ash the sun is still there shining brightly. That is what reminded me of the quote shared above.

Each day I lose my patience with events around me, the smallest things will upset me. I washed my car yesterday and discovered that either trees or the ash had left marks on my car that took real elbow grease to get the stains out. As I scrubbed, I cursed the fires, I cursed the trees and I cursed myself for letting the car get this way.

This is what is meant by the mists of error and the foolish vanity of self. The self that cannot or will not see the world as it truly is. This is the self that cannot see the great and all-embracing compassion of Amida Buddha. Just like the clouds that blot out the sun, my foolish self cannot see that the sun (Amida) shines behind the clouds of my selfishness and vanity.

Yes, it has been what seems like forever since the sun has come out, but in our minds we know it is still there, it still shines brightly behind those clouds and smoke. We must have faith that behind our foolish hearts that are clouded by our selfishness, Amida's compassionate wisdom shines brightly and illuminates us tirelessly. Namoamidabutsu is the affirmation that we are embraced just as we are, how grateful I am.

Namoamidabutsu,

Rev. Hosei Shinseki



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- **Oct. Shotsuki Hoyo/BWA Memorial & Eshinni Mem'I Service will be on Sun., Oct. 4 @ 10am (LIVE STREAMING)**
Guest Speaker: Bishop Marvin Harada



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, KEN TANIMOTO:

Hope you and your family remain in good health and spirits.

For the last six months, our lives has changed so much that it is still hard to fantom. COVID-19, Black Lives Matter, elections, riots in our streets, fires, unhealthy air, shelter-in-place, systemic racism, and the roller coaster economy: do I need to go further? Our world seems to getting more complex. Is there anything that does not affect our lives?

If you are like me, I was not either trained or educated to cope with many of these changes. Some days I am overwhelmed by local, national, and worldwide news. It seems that every new day, I hear, read, or see something that is out of my reach of comprehension of finding any reason of sensibility. News reporters and journalists are reporting so much information that it's becoming exhausting and tiring.

I really do not have answers or solutions for any of these changes we are facing but I do have a recommendation that uplifts my spirits. Knowing our temple is serving its members, regardless of the circumstances, prevails us from not physically opening up.

Since March, Rev. Shinseki has been conducting Sunday and major services electronically through the internet. He has also done small private family services, keeping in mind social distancing and strict safety measures. For the last five months, Rev. Shinseki has kept our members connected on zoom E-Chat sessions every other Wednesday. These lively sessions are always entertaining. Starting soon, he will also be using a Robo-calling system, thus connecting members who might not have internet services but will now have the ability to listen to short Dharma messages via phone.

For the last ten months, the Temple has been helping Watsonville Salvation Army once a month feed the hungry of all ages. With your generous funding of this project, this outreach program is helping feed those needing a warm and nutritious meal.

With the help of Perry Yoshida, the Temple has been keeping in-reach activities up with the weekly bingo game, and puzzle/DVD exchange. Thanks to Perry for those innovative, ingenious ideas, as well for his work with getting our Temple "green" with solar energy.

The Temple Board has decided to start a replacement fencing project to protect our Temple grounds. The Temple has been facing increased vandalism around our property. There is also the issue of our existing Temple wood fences quickly deteriorating. The fact is the Temple fences have not been replaced since opening 65 years ago. Starting in October, the fence behind the apartments will be replaced with a new fence. We are currently negotiating with our neighbors that borders with our temple grounds in order help defray the cost of the fence. Once that is finalized, other fences around the temple will be replaced.

There is still hope our temple will be opening up to weekly Sunday Services sometime later this year, if possible. This all depends upon on how our local and state government feels it is safe to reopen up for small church gatherings. Let us hope this happens sooner than later. (continued on pg 4)

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One more important thing to bring up...**PLEASE PLAN TO VOTE!** In these uncertain times, we need to make our voices heard by exercising our right to vote. Your vote makes a difference. Do not forget these important dates. October 19: Deadline to register, online or by mail. October 27: Deadline to apply for absentee ballot by mail. November 3: Election Day.

If you do not know already, this year's election process is not the same as previous years. Because of COVID-19, there will be less polling places if you want in-person voting. The preferred and the safest way is vote by mail. The November 3 Presidential General Election ballot will be mailed to you October 5 to promote safe voting at home.

If you need any help with the voting process, please call me at 831-332-9691 or email the Temple Office (www.wbtemple.org). Someone will contact you to assist you with this year's elections. You can also go online to sos.ca.gov, sos.ca.gov/elections/frequently-asked-questions, or at www.votescount.us for help. A voter hotline is another possible way of getting answers. This number is **800-345-8683 or locally 831-454-2060**.

Please stay well and thank you again for your continuing support and participation.

In Gratitude,



**Special BWA & Eshinni Memorial
& October Shotsuki Hoyo Service
(LIVE STREAMING)**

Sat., Oct. 4, 2020 @ 10:00 am
Watsonville Buddhist Temple

Guest Speaker: Bishop Marvin Harada

We're Thinking of Our Temple Members

During this stressful time with the COVID-19 pandemic, it requires us to "Shelter in Place" which has affected us all. Please let us know if you or if you know of any member(s) who are in need of any help, such as going to the grocery store, needing a ride to doctor appointments, getting medications, etc. The Temple is here to help you. Please contact the Temple Office at (831) 724-7860 for assistance.

"Jewels" . . . Book written by Rev. Ken Tanaka
*Available copies available for members to read ... call Temple Office at
(831) 724-7860 if you would like a copy to read. Easy to read!*

Here is Rev. Shinseki's article in the Religious section of the Pajaronian newspaper from the 08-11-20 issue for you to enjoy reading.

Cultural Shift

“There are causes for all human suffering, and there is a way by which they may be ended, because everything in the world is the result of a vast concurrence of causes and conditions, and everything disappears as these causes and conditions change and pass away.”

Teachings of the Buddha

I have been observing the number of people who wear masks and how many don't wear masks during the current pandemic crisis. I call it a crisis, because that is exactly what it is a crisis. People are getting deathly ill and dying as a result of COVID 19. It is hard to believe there is anyone who is not aware of the urgency of our current situation.

Although the governor and state and local officials, doctors, scientists and teachers all encourage social distancing and the wearing of masks, there are many who are out in public not wearing masks. Why is this? I believe it is an inherent selfishness of people. It has been said on numerous occasion by many that the wearing of masks is not so much for oneself, but for the protection of others. And yet, people talk about individual rights and freedoms.

What we need here is a cultural shift in thinking and practice. I don't want to condemn a whole culture or society, but we have to stop thinking so selfishly. We have to start thinking about our interrelationships and our effect on other people. Everything, every person in existence are all interrelated and our actions will affect others. This goes beyond the current crisis of the COVID 19 but extends to the environment and simple human relations.

As long as we continue to think of ourselves as the center of all things we will continue to create a wake of suffering as in the case of the virus deaths. We have to move from thinking about “I” to thinking about others and our connection to all beings.

It would be nice if we could shift our thinking from centric to think about all that we receive. Imagine if all children understood that their neighborhood, their schools etc are assets to be looked on as gifts that we receive. There would be a deep sense of responsibility to take care of those gifts. Imagine if all of us became more aware and appreciative of the air we breathe that gives us life. There would be a deep appreciation for nature and all it provides.

This is not an easy shift for many people. I believe it starts with each of us living our lives with the understanding that every thought, word and action affects others. We are all part of a larger whole. Today it starts with the simple act of wearing a mask in consideration of others.

Let us each be the start of a cultural shift where our homes, neighborhoods, cities and country are understood to be a part of each of us individually, and as a result we will live a life of gratitude for all that we have received and we treasure the gift of life.

Gassho,

Rev. Hosei Shinseki

**2020
Memorial Service Schedule**

<u>Year of Death</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Year of Death</u>	<u>Service</u>
2019	1st Year	1996	25th Annual
2018	3rd Annual	1988	33rd Annual
2014	7th Annual	1971	50th Annual
2008	13 th Annual	1921	100th Annual
2004	17 th Annual		

**OCTOBER SHOTSUKI HOYO, FAMILY MEMORIAL
Sunday, October 4, 2020 @ 10am; Live Streaming**

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

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Suruki, Ryoko
Tao, Janice
Ura, Esther
Yamamoto, Craig

Obon

Akimoto, Ida - Obon
Henry Sakae Family - Hatsubon

Ohigan

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Akiyama, Jean
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LEGACY FUND

Our Temple's legacy of 114 years serving our families and community starts with the teachings of the Buddha, our minister, and individual support. That legacy, more than ever, depends on your continued financial support. The Temple has not been able to hold many of our traditional fundraising events, which are vital to offset the Temple's monthly operating expenses. With your financial support, our Temple will remain healthy and be able to continue to promote Amida's Wisdom and Compassion.

The following individuals have generously donated a monetary gift to the Legacy Fund (as of 9/15/20):

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INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHISM

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**WHEN: SEPTEMBER 30-NOVEMBER 11
WEDNESDAYS 1:00-2:30 PM**

**ALL CLASSES WILL BE CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE LOG IN INFORMATION**

This course will provide for the student a basic introduction to general Buddhism. Students will learn about the history, culture and rituals contained within the Buddhist religion. Topics will include the life of Shakyamuni Buddha. We will examine what is known as the six paramitas, the six realms of existence and the Buddhist view of life and death. We will also survey the development of some of the varied Buddhist traditions that evolved from India and spread to China, Japan and the world. Contained within the traditions, rituals and culture of Buddhism are wonderful life lessons and tools we will learn for everyday living. As we examine Buddhism, we will also examine its relevance in our everyday lives.

Course Fees Donations:	Tri Temple members	\$10.00
	Regular Course Fee Donations	\$20.00

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP

To register, email us at: centcoasttritemple@gmail.com

Contactless Drive-Thru now available for Jigsaw Puzzles & DVD's

Beginning: Saturday, October 3 & Saturday, October 17
(the first and third Saturday of each month)

Time: 9:00AM—12:00PM

Location: Back Parking Lot/by the Back Gym Door

Spend time sheltering in place with a jigsaw puzzle or a movie. From the comforts of your car, select a jigsaw puzzle or select from a wide selection of movies (wide selection of English and Japanese Movies). When you are done, bring back the puzzle or DVD and exchange it for another one. If enough people come out to pickup an item, we will continue this program indefinitely. If you have a jigsaw puzzle that you would like to contribute and share, please bring it.



Note: All returned items will be quarantined for a week before it can be loaned out again.



Let's continue to have fun with Sunday BINGO

We began Game #2 on 9/06/20. This Bingo Card is identified with a Crane punch & was included in last month's (Sept) ICHIMI.

At the end of each livestream service, we will call (5) five Bingo numbers.

Hold onto your Bingo Card because the Bingo Game #2 will continue until we have three winners!

If you get a Bingo, call right away & leave a message on the Temple Office phone 831.724.7860 with your name & phone # to claim your prize.

The first three winners win a prize!!!

- To access the live stream service, connect thru the Temple website or go to **YouTube** and search for "Watsonville Buddhist Temple"
- For members without internet access, the (5) weekly Bingo numbers will be announced on the Office answering machine by Tues. AM (after the Sunday service).
- For members receiving their ICHIMI digitally and would like a Bingo Card, please send an email to the Temple Office (buddhist@wbtemple.org) and we will mail you a Bingo card. One Bingo card per family. Good luck!

Board Highlights—September 2020

Minister's Report:

- Glad the Kato & Wobber families are safe from recent Santa Cruz fires and able to return to their homes.
- Continue to Live Streaming Sunday Services and Dharma Talks in August and September with all three temples.
- Rev. has been busy with Salinas as their supervising minister.
- Minister's Fuku/Minister's meeting was held in August.
- Bill Wurtenberg has been approved to attend on-line Shin Buddhist Certificate program at IBS. This program is two years. Bill will also be receiving his Minister's Assistant Certificate for Watsonville.
- Ceremony pending in Oct. 2020 with Bishop Harada.
- Robo-call system update: Reviewed the main aspects of this system which would provide outreach to seniors, particularly those who are Japanese speaking only or members who do not have any computer access. System can set up groups in English and in Japanese.
- Coast District Council Meeting: Gary Hongo will be new President in 2021 (from San Luis Obispo). Coast District will be in charge of the 2023 National Council meeting. Next Zoom CD Council meeting: 11/19/20.
- On-line Study Class on "Intro to Buddhism", starting Wed, 9/30 @ 1:00-2:30p for 7 weeks. Minister Assistants Bill Wurtenberg and Nick San Juan will be helping to teach classes.
- Continue E-Chat sessions on certain Wednesdays @ 7pm.
- Continue to write monthly article for local Pajaronian paper.
- Not likely to have New Year's services (trying to figure out an alternative interactive process)

Solar Project Update: Wi-fi connections were installed by Schudder's at Temple. Still waiting for timeline for final fire inspection with City of Watsonville and PGE.

Board reviewed the following subjects:

- Fence Proposals – several of the temple fences are in need of repair.
- Master Temple Projects – Reviewing various projects that need attention and could be addressed while Temple is closed to public
- Puzzles/DVDs exchange – Fun activity outreach on Sept. 5 and 19: 9am to 12Noon
- Dharma Youth Program: Book written by Rev. Ken Tanaka called "**Jewels**" – 50 copies will be sent to Temple; "Introduction for Youth". Book is easy to read.

Upcoming Sunday Services (informational):

- Sun., Sept. 6: No Sunday Service
- Sun., Sept. 13: Sunday/Shotsuki Hoyo/Ohigan Service @ 10am (Live Streaming)
- Sun., Sept. 20: Sunday Service @ 10am (Live Streaming)
- Sun., Sept. 27: Sunday Service @ 10am (Live Streaming)
- Sun., Oct. 4: Sunday/Shotsuki service @ 10am (Live Streaming)

Next (Zoom) Board Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020 @ 7:30 pm.

Miles Of Smiles

*My spirits went soaring as I opened the paper.
"Santa Cruz County Fair to hold All-Smiles caper.
A brilliant idea ~ a treasure chest
Of six fun-filled days to joke and to jest.*

*What the world needs now are smiles, more smiles.
Not just a few, but miles and miles.
A smile is worth its weight in gold.
A smile is in style and it fits any mold.*

*Remember the hogs with the sweet smiling faces
That trampled our gardens, patchwork and laces?
Happily, their venture has been put to rest.
Now they are back as the Fair's special guest.*

*There's Arnold and George, Squeezer and Strumper,
All full of smiles, but oh, so much plumper!
Connoisseurs indeed, of the fat of the land.
From fillet mignon to chateaubriand.*

*Dressed to the nines in an all leather suit,
A ten-gallon hat and rhinestones to boot.
Hugging and kissing, what joy they exude.
Hootin' and hollerin', "How are you, dude?"*

*Stomping and squealing, they play to the crowd.
Shouting and screaming, ever so loud.
Stories and speeches that tickle our ribs,
Which most of us know, are just outright fibs.*

*Their act was amusing except for one hitch.
They looked like politicians making a pitch.
There is an old saying, "We are all foolish beings,
Especially when fooled by smiling porcines."*

(janice tao- 2004)

*(Sadly, the County Fair has been cancelled for 2020.
But when it returns, ~ there'll be smiles-a-plenty)*

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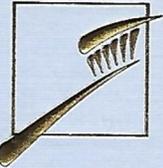
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