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Tentative Schedule of July and August 2022 Events

[Sunday Services will be limited in July & August 2022]

Sun., June 26, 2022 – No Sunday Service

July 1 - 4, 2022 Fireworks Sales

Sun., July 3, 10, 24 & 31, 2022 - No Sunday Services

Sun. July 17, 2022 - Sunday/**Hatsubon Service @ 10am**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Ken Fujimoto, Emeritus

Odori Dancing to follow service

Sun., Aug. 7, 2022 - Sunday/Shotsuki Hoyo Service @ 10am

Sun., Aug. 14, 21 & 28, 2022 - No Sunday Services

Sat., Aug. 20, 2022 - Tri-Temple Golf Tournament, Salinas

NO RUMMAGE SALE this year in August 2022

Temple Office Telephone (831) 724-7860

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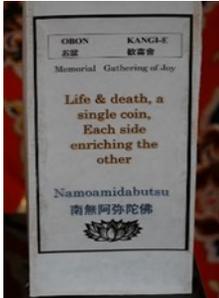
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Hatsubon 初盆

“On the 15th day of the 7th month, to save mankind whom they wish to be happy, everyone should share their money and treasures.

People should divide the rare tidings which they prize in order to put them to use for the welfare of the world. To the temples, people ought to give lights and incense to use in the making of sutras and statues. Offer food to the almsmen and give charity to the poor. Arrange for a memorial assembly or you cannot receive donations. If afterwards, you do not distribute these donations, you commit the evil of destroying the Buddha in this very world.”

Obon began with the story of Shakyamuni Buddha’s disciple Mokuren. Mokuren was concerned for his deceased mother. He received her love and care all his life, now he didn’t know what to do for her. The helplessness he experienced caused him to seek advice from Shakyamuni Buddha. The Buddha advised him to conduct a memorial for his mother. And so Mokuren did and he fed the monks and he saw his mother was at peace. Mokuren leapt for joy.

That was the beginning of Bon Odori, and that is why we call Obon, Kangi-e a gathering of joy. But what caused Mokuren to leap for joy? It was the power of Namoamidabutsu.

But what is Namoamidabutsu that we say at our temples. We say it a lot. Some call Namoamidabutsu the teaching of gratitude. And this I believe is where we encounter a problem. We are constantly telling each other that we must express gratitude. We say thank you to the Buddha, to mother, to father, to teacher and so on. We are saying thank you, but do we really feel it?

So this year at Obon, rather than just talk about how we should be grateful, I would like us to think about how does gratitude come about? How can we become beings that express a life of gratitude? One mistake is that we seem to think that gratitude is the core of Buddha’s teaching. No....gratitude is simply a realization of those causes and conditions for this life. Gratitude is the manifestation of the concept of *Okagesama*.

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Sun., July 17, 2022 (In Person)
Hatsubon Service
Guest Speaker:
Rev. Ken Fujimoto, Emeritus



Hatsubon 初盆

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We have heard the word in Japanese conversations, when someone asks another person how they are, the answer might be *Okagesama* or I am fine. The *kage* means shadow and refers to the many “shadows” or the countless causes and conditions that make me fine. *Okagesama* is the realization that this life, this event is the result of an endless series of causes and conditions and these causes and conditions are the gifts that make this life possible.

Therefore to realize *Okagesama* comes before gratitude, and gratitude is only a means to express *Okagesama*. The first Obon for families who have lost a loved one since last year’s Obon will have an opportunity to gather to honor and remember their deceased family member at the Hatsubon service. In honor of the deceased, a lantern will be lit. The lantern will have the name of the deceased and their Dharma Name (homyo 法名). We look forward to seeing you at our Hatsubon service on July 17th at 10:00 am. Our guest speaker this year will be Rev. Ken Fujimoto, Emeritus.

Gassho,
Rev. Hosei Shinseki

Temple COVID Update

The Temple is now open for Sunday services.
Masks are required when inside the Temple.

We will be following our COVID guidelines and will keep you apprised of any changes. Your patience & understanding is greatly appreciated during these challenging times.



On behalf of the Sangha of the Watsonville Buddhist Temple, we wish to extend our deepest condolences to the families of

Ruby Nakamura, Steven Mine, Jackie Teshima, and Akiko Kato.

Namo-Amida Butsu

Here is Rev. Shinseki's article in the Religious section of the Pajaronian newspaper from the May 2022 issue.

CONTROLLING THE MIND

The historical Buddha Shakyamuni died at age eighty. Living to the age of eighty in 13th century India was a feat in itself, but more remarkable was that he consistently taught the truth for forty-five years to thousands in Northern India. And those thousands shared it with millions of others and through the years millions upon millions have embraced his teachings.

This year will mark 3,285 years since his death. It is truly an amazing event in our lives to think that for all these years' people still gather to hear his teachings. The only reason for this amazing event to occur is because his life has and continues to have a profound effect upon our lives.

The Buddha left with us so many tools to improve our lives, look at the world differently and help others, but perhaps his most important and profound message was at this deathbed. The Buddha said, *"The point of the teachings is to control your own mind. Keep your mind from greed, and you will keep your behavior right, your mind pure and your words faithful. By always thinking about the transiency of your life, you will be able to resist greed and anger, and will be able to avoid all evils."*¹

Controlling the mind is a difficult exercise moment to moment; this is especially true for me as I juggle all the numerous things that I do on a daily basis. However, thinking about the transiency of life is a much easier exercise for me although it can be emotionally taxing. Not a day goes by that I don't think of or talk about those whose lives touched mine and are no longer physically present. I talk about my parents, my brother, my grandparents, other ministers and members of our temple. My point is that in talking and thinking about all the people in our lives we are not only reminded of their influence and continuing influence, but we are reminded of the truth of impermanence, and our own finite existence.

And if we take this truth into our hearts and into our lives we will embrace each moment as the most important and to treasure the time we have with each other. If we think of the transiency of our lives, doesn't it make sense that collecting all the "stuff" we feel we need is a futile exercise in trying to satisfy our greed and at the end of our lives all the "stuff" is left for someone else to take care of and clean up.

If we truly knew when the exact day and time we are going to die, then what would we do with our lives until that moment? Would we waste it collecting more "stuff" or lashing out in anger at family and strangers alike? Or would we make the most of that time to live in gratitude and harmony and live out our final days in peace?

People will say, "Oh Reverend, I don't want to think about that, it is so depressing to think about death all the time". However, my answer is, that it is not about death but about your life, living this moment in gratitude.

Three thousand years later, we can look at the Buddha's words and find truth in them today for each of us. This is one small aspect of the Buddha's teaching that touches and affects our lives.

Gassho,
Rev. Hosei Shinseki

¹ The Teaching of the Buddha, 1966 Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai, Tokyo, Japan

Here is Rev. Shinseki's article in the Religious section of the Pajaronian newspaper from the June 2022 issue.

LIVES LOST

May all beings find comfort and peace of mind in the midst of tragedy and loss. We send forth loving thoughts to those in sorrow and pain. We share in the tragedy of loss. We have all experienced loss, tragedy and separation. When we do, we cry out in sorrow. When we cry and shed tears of pain and loss we join a chorus of thousands of others who have suffered loss. At that moment no one is alone, we are all one as we cry out in sorrow. We are one with those who have cried in the past, with those who cry today and with those who cry tomorrow.

When the tears dry, the sadness and loneliness is replaced with a deeper appreciation and gratitude for the lives lost. Like the sun that turns tasteless bitter fruit into sweetness, the truth of life transforms our tears of sorrow into the sweet appreciation for having touched the lives of others.

The Buddha promises that lives lost are embraced and they will achieve the birth of going to the Pure Land of the Buddha where they will completely awaken to Buddha-hood. As we mourn the loss of lives over that past months and remember and honor their lives, it becomes the condition where they having become Buddhas are helping us to meet and hear the truth of life. They are helping us understand that no life is lived in vain and that death cannot simply destroy or erase a life. Their lives have meaning that is eternal and has no ending and their lives continue to touch ours.

Lives lost are helping us hear the turning of the wheel of the Dharma (Truth of Life), and because that wheel is continually turning and we are hearing it today, we don't have to worry about wandering about in darkness or blindness. Instead our continued act of remembering, honoring, cherishing and celebrating the lives lost, is helping us to see how we are connected to and part of their eternal lives.

Gassho,

Rev. Hosei Shinseki

Watsonville Buddhist Temple Protocols for Temple Facilities

The following procedures have been defined so that the Temple's congregation will know what the Temple has done to maintain a safe environment when reopening for temple facilities. In-Person Sunday services resumed on Sun., April 3.

Entrance (Upon arrival to temple; **entering through Kitchen back door or through front entrance - Hondo**):

- Vaccinations highly recommended
- Windows will be opened during meeting/gathering for outside air circulation/ventilation
- When entering the Temple:
 - Guests will sign-in (so Temple knows who attended/contact tracing); waiver statement documented on sign-in sheets
 - Guests will wear facial masks; recommend KN95 or N95 mask (if guest does not have this type of mask, one will be provided) **FOR SERVICES ONLY**
 - Guests will be asked to use hand-sanitizer to clean hands before entering
 - Guests will maintain social distancing whenever possible
 - If guests are not feeling well, they should stay home.
 - Gloves are available, if requested
- No food refreshments provided (to avoid gatherings of people)
- Social gatherings not recommended before and after gatherings and guests are to leave the Temple in an orderly manner.
- Before group leaves the Temple, please check the following:
 - Sweep /dust mop floors for any debris
 - Wipe down table tops for any debris
 - Wipe down kitchen stainless-steel countertops with damp cloth & sweep/wet mop (with water mop) on floors; wipe down stove top/oven as needed
 - Empty garbage can(s)
 - Check wall thermostats, lights, water faucets to be sure they are off
 - Check windows and/or exit doors to be sure they are locked
 - Set alarm at kitchen back door and exit building
 - Lock dead bolt on back kitchen door when exiting.

The Temple Board will continue to review/refine re-opening protocols on a monthly basis. It is everyone's responsibility to help keep the Temple facilities clean for the next use. The group's leader will be responsible for their group's compliance to these protocols. Report any problems you might have to the Temple Office (724-7860).



CONGRATULATIONS to our 2022 college graduates:

Matthew Maemura

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Kaitlin Sakae

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (CalPoly)

Alex Tao

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (CalPoly)



**COME TO HATSUBON SERVICE ON
SUNDAY, JULY 17 @ 10:00 AM**

GUEST SPEAKER: Rev. Ken Fujimoto, Emeritus

A few Obon Odori dances,

to follow service in back of Temple.

Bring your Happi Coat for a short outdoor celebration!



**2022
Memorial Service Schedule**

<u>Year of Death</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Year of Death</u>	<u>Service</u>
2021	1st Year	1998	25th Annual
2020	3rd Annual	1990	33rd Annual
2016	7th Annual	1973	50th Annual
2010	13 th Annual	1923	100th Annual
2006	17 th Annual		

**July SHOTSUKI HOYO, FAMILY MEMORIAL
(Service was held on June 5, 2022)**

Akimoto, Keiko	Matano, Yoshio	Takeuchi, Sugako
Akiyama, Tom	Mine, Isekichi	Tamasu, Masao
Arao, Alan	Misumi, Jim Naoto	Tanimasa, George
Arao, Ted Tetsuo	Mito, Mary	Tao, Kazu
Fujita, Asa	Nagata, Takeo	Terasaki, Kichisaburo
Hamai, Nobuko	Nakahara, Robert	Teshima, Hubert
Hamai, Sosuke	Nakamoto, Motoichi	Tsuchiyama, Sunao
Hanayama, Rev. Shousei	Nakashima, Mikie	Uyeda, Sen
Katsukiyo	Nakashima, Mitsuteru	Wada, Utako
Haneta, Sumiko	Niiyama, Ayako	Wada, Hiroshi George
Hattori, Kin	Nishihara, Mitts	Wakayama, Hiroko
Higaki, Thomas Tsuyoshi	Nishita, Ronald Toshiyuki	Yamaguchi, Tadayoshi
Hirano, Isao	Nitta, Isano	Yamamoto, Aiko
Ikeda, Midori	Nitta, Tokujiro	Yamamoto, Fuku
Inokuchi, Takeshi George	Oita, Suwa	Yamaoka, Akei
Iwami, Shige	Ota, Yaeko	Yamaoka, Kousaku Kay
Izumi, George	Sasano, Katsukazu	Yokoi, Shizu
Kamigawachi, Carmel	Sasano, Yoshiko	Yoshizumi, Tsuru
Kawasaki, Fuji	Shimonishi, Torasuke	
Kawasaki, Sanosuke	Shingai, Chiyoko	
Konishi, Aki	Shingai, Fuku	
Kurimoto, Fusayo	Shingai, Isaac	
Kusumoto, Amiko	Shingai, Seki Inouye	
Kusumoto, Satsuki	Sugimoto, George Kazuo	

AUGUST SHOTSUKI HOYO, FAMILY MEMORIAL

Sunday, Aug. 7, 2022 @ 10am; In-Person

Akiyama, Chou	Maemura, Matsu	Sakata, Namiko
Akiyama, Matajiro	Matsui, Tamiko	Sasano, Iwataro
Akiyoshi, Shigeo	Matsumoto, Isaku	Shirachi, Maxine
Arimura, Ken	Matsunami, Iwao	Sukekane, Noboru
Aoki, Mieko	Morimoto, Joe Kazumi	Tachibana, Masao
Arita, Sadako	Morimune, Harry Sozo	Takada, Masako
Etow, Kenzo	Muronaka, Tooru	Tanaka, Minoru
Hashimoto, Ikuta	Murakami, Hisami	Tsuchiyama, Ai
Hamada, Teruo	Nadamoto Champagne, Sumie	Tsuchiyama, Uta
Hatsushi, Kisae	Nakase, Sen	Tsuji, Misu
Hirano, Mary	Nakase, Tom	Tsukiji, May Takako
Jofuku, Kazushige	Nakashima, Junko	Umeda, Bengo
Jyoji, Masaru	Nishimoto, Hamaichi	Wada, Gozaemon
Kajihara, Eiji	Nishita, George	Yamakoshi, Kyotaro
Kimura, Kawano	Oita, Motosuke	Yamamoto, Hiromi Henry
Koda, Evelyn Misao	Okamoto, Haruo	Yamaoka, Tony Masami
Koda, Wakataro	Okamura, Hiseto Harry	Yonekura, Hisaye
Kowaki, Hama	Ota, Teruzo	Yorita, Kenjun
Kusumoto, Masumi	Saiki, Kimiye	Yoshida, Tom Tami
Kusumoto, Yoshiharu	Sakamoto, Juzo	Yoshii, Haruko

Shotsuki Hoyo Donations

Akiyama, Jean	Maemura, John & Yoshie	Velez Family, Nancy
Akiyoshi, Asayo (2)	Matsunami, Sumiko (2)	Wada, Ted (2)
Akiyoshi, David	Minami, Arlene	Weinstein Family
Fujii, Eddie	Mine, Gary & Cindy	Wurtenberg, Gail
Ito, Doug & Kathy	Misumi, Alice	Yamamoto, Craig
Juarez Family	Nishihara, Eiko	Yamanishi, Jon & Suzie
Kato, Akiko Family	Nishihara, Yoshiko (2)	Yamanishi, Sayuri
Kato, Tad & JoAnn	Rumney, Craig & Mary	Yamashita, Toshiko
Kato, Tom & Wanda	Sinclair, Setsuko & Scott	Yokomizo, Cliff & Donna
Kawasaki, Kiyo & Aileen	Tao, Mitsuyo	Yoshida, Lori
Klockgether Family	Umeda, Yoko (2)	Yoshida, Mae
Kodama, Hisako	Uyematsu, Richard & Susan (3)	Yoshida, Perry & Kim
Kyono, Marianne Morimune		

**DONATIONS (as of 06/16/22) – Watsonville Buddhist Temple gratefully
acknowledges your generous support:**

In Appreciation

Anonymous – In Appreciation
Cornelius, June & Jim – In Memory of Ruby Nakamura (Mother’s Day)
Cornelius, June & Jim – In Memory of Tadao Nakamura (birthday)
Gavin, Jennifer Ura – In Memory of Ernie Ura & Oliver
Hashimoto, Mas & Marcia – In Memory of Noriyuki Hashimoto, Brother
Hernandez, Rebecca – Memorial Service
Maemura, John & Yoshie – Matthew’s college graduation
Matsui, Paul & Lori – Dad’s 100th birthday
Memorial Day Cemetery services
Nakamura, Larry & Kathy – Memorial Day Service
Nakamura, Larry & Kathy – In Memory of Ruby Nakamura
Nitta, Dan & Karen – In Memory of Joan Otsuji (5-yr)
Rikimaru, Annette – In Memory of George & Mickie Shirachi
Sakae, Dean & Lisa – Kaitlin’s college graduation
Shingai, Bob & Barbara – In Memory of Mutsuko “Jackie” Teshima
Takeuchi, Mark & Patt – In Memory of Kobara, Takeuchi, & Hamamoho
Toriumi, David & Kathy – In Memory of Jane Toriumi
Watsonville Ikenobo – In Memory of Kimiyo Fujii
Yamashita, Shizuho – In Memory of Minoru Yamashita
Yoshida, Lucy – In Memory of Haruye Nagataishi

Akiyama, Allyce

Akiyama, Jean
Yamashita Toshiko

Hoshiyama, Frances

Hashimoto, Mas & Marcia
Hoshiyama Family

Kaita, Roy (7-yr memorial service)

Ikegami, Dennis & Susan
Ikegami, Lester & Patti
Itatani, Vince & Lynn
Kaita, Emiko
Matsushita, Ted & Laurie
Sasaki, Paul & Arlene
Shingai, Bob & Barbara
Tokubo, Shig & Judy

Kajisa, Hisako

Hisako Kajisa Family
Tao, Janice

Mine, Steven

Gavin, Jennifer Ura
Hanada Family, Shizuka
Ikegami, Lester & Patti

Kikuchi, Shizuko

Akimoto, Bill & Ida
Fujii, Nobue
Kodama, Hisako
Shingai, Barbara & Bob
Tamashiro Family, Vicky
Tao, Janice
Tao, Shizuko
Tsuda, Jack
Ura, Esther
Yamashita, Toshiko
Yoshida, Mae

Kusumoto, Amiko

Kato, Tad & JoAnn
Kusumoto, Kenny & Dori

Kato, Akiko

Heronemus, Laurie Klockgether
Yamashita, Toshiko

Ura, Esther
Ura, Jason
Yamashita, Toshiko

DONATIONS:

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Mito, Ron & Millicent

Hanamatsuri

Kodama, Hisako

Gotan-E

Akiyama, Isamu & Kiiko

Fujii, Nobue

Hamada, Dennis

Hirahara, Kaoru

Kato, Tad & JoAnn

Kawasaki, Kiyoko & Aileen

Kodama, Hisako

Louie, Bill & Nora

Matsunami, Sumiko

Mendoza, Teresa

Nishihara, Eiko

Nishihara, Yoshiko

Nitao, Itaru & Aiko

Okamoto, Itsuko

Shingai, Barbara & Bob

Suruki, Tatsuro & Ryoko

Tamaki, Bobby & Nancy

Tanimoto, Ken & Alice

Tao, Janice

Tao, Mitsuyo

Tao, Shizuko

Toriumi, David & Kathy

Umeda, Yoko

Ura, Esther

Uyematsu, Richard & Susan

Yamashita, Iwao

Yamashita, Toshiko

Yoshida, Mae

Yoshida, Perry & Kim

2022 TEMPLE DUES are overdue!

Your dues support the general operations of the Temple.

Please submit to Temple Office as soon as possible.

Your **timely** payment will be greatly appreciated.

(As of 06/16/22) : The following have donated more than their annual 2022 temple dues:

Casey, Patrick

Sakamoto, Sam & Yae

Struble, Elaine Shingai

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER:

Elaine Shingai Struble

Trip to Japan in 2023: May 6 - 20, 2023

2023 World BWA Conference & 850th Anniversary of the Birth of Shinran Shonin

Tentative Schedule

Tokyo 2 Days

Kyoto 4 Days—Including Anniversary Celebration

Kagoshima 3 Days

Kumamoto 1 day

Fukuoka 2 Days

Hiroshima 2 Days

Detailed schedule will be shared shortly. Please contact Rev. Shinseki (email: RevHosei@gmail.com or buddhist@wbtemple.org) if you are interested in joining the tour. You may also leave a message at the Temple Office (831-724-7860) if that is more convenient for you. ***First-come; first-serve.***

Tour will be limited to 30 people

SAVE THE DATE

TRI-TEMPLE GOLF TOURNAMENT - August 20, 2022

All skill levels are welcome to sign up and join us for a fun day of golf at the beautiful Crazy Horse Ranch Golf Club in Salinas.



We are looking for sponsors from the three temples, so please contact your local temple to be a sponsor. For more information, you can email us at centcoasttritemple@gmail.com

Sponsored by Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple, Salinas Buddhist Temple & Watsonville Buddhist Temple

**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
FIREWORKS BOOTH**

Our Fireworks fund raiser is one of the Temple's biggest fund raisers and we need your help. This year's booth has been reconfigured with distance markers, plastic shielding, disinfectants and face masks to help keep everyone safe.

If you cannot help in the booth, you can still support the temple by bringing food (**individually wrapped is preferred**), buying fireworks, waving a flag or stopping by and giving your support.

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

Perry Yoshida @ 831.239.7540 - perry761@aol.com
Temple Office @ 831.724.7860 - buddhist@wbtemple.org

Highlights of Temple Board Meetings – May and June 2022

Minister's Report:

- Monthly Shotsuki Hoyo/Gotan-E service held on May 8th at 10am.
- Cemetery services held on Sun., May 29th at Pioneer (9am), PV Memorial Park (10am), & San Juan Bautista (11:30am)
- Rev. Shinseki conducting a seminar on June 11 through the Center for Buddhist Education (CBE) and will be accessible on YouTube.
- Tri-Temple Golf Tournament – Sat., Aug. 20 in Salinas. Looking for sponsors. Contact Rev. Shinseki.
 - Hatsubon Service will be held on Sun., July 17 @ 10am. Guest Speaker will be Rev. Ken Fujimoto, Emeritus. Some Obon Odori dancing will follow service.
- Minister's Fuken will be held in August 2022.

General Business:

- Dharma Forward Campaign: Tri-Temples are working on a joint letter to be sent to their respective congregations, requesting support to the Dharma Forward Campaign. Watsonville Temple approved a donation, funds to be designated to Institute of Buddhist Studies (IBS), unrestricted.
- Coast District has a planning committee, working on the 2023 National Council meeting. Larry Oda from Monterey is the chairperson. Watsonville will be in charge of Finances/Budget and Publicity. Many thanks to Peter Hester, who designed the NCM flier.
- San Mateo Buddhist Church gave Watsonville Temple two (2) cases of hand sanitizers, to pass out to its members.
- Temple Maintenance: New fire hose cabinet has been installed next to barbecue pits.
- Kokoro No Gakko will be conducting their one-week cultural school program from 6/27/22 to 7/01/22. Various protocols are in place to ensure the health and safety of the program participants, all individuals associated with the Gakko program and to the Temple.
- The Temple will not be having their annual Obon Odori Festival due to COVID. Additionally, the Temple will NOT be having the Rummage Sale or Chicken Teriyaki this year (2022).
- A successful Hanamatsuri pre-ordered boxed meal fundraiser was held in April 2022. Everyone's support was greatly appreciated.
- Fireworks fundraiser will be held from July 1 through July 4. Volunteers welcomed. Please contact Temple Office (724-7860), [email - buddhist@wbtemple.org](mailto:buddhist@wbtemple.org) or Perry Yoshida (831-239-7540), [email - perry761@aol.com](mailto:perry761@aol.com).
- Board approved donation to the Pajaro Valley Healthcare District, in support of the Watsonville Community Hospital. This acute care hospital is critical to the community.

Next Board Meeting: **Tues., July 5, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. (ZOOM)**

Why Oh Why?

*Once upon a time ~ I felt very blessed,
Happy ~ healthy ~ young ~ and effervesced.
But today I am mindful of the frailty of life,
As 19 children and 2 teachers ~ are laid to rest.*

*"This cannot happen again" ~ is what they say,
But we all know it will ~ tomorrow ~ or today.
Hearing the AR-15 ~ they tearfully huddled,
Silently praying that help was on its way.*

*Comfort and kindness were just a door away,
But society failed them ~ in every way.
We will forever remember their loving hearts;
Their joyous laughter at the start of each day.*

*Violence and hatred are a matter-of -fact,
With rifles in backpacks ~ and racial attacks.
Yes! Only in America ~ in the land of the free,
We still continue to watch our backs.*

*Our physical ills are in the hands of Medicare,
But mental health issues are going nowhere.
We are up to our gills in guns and pills.
Is Congress listening ~ or do they even care?*

*A nation of bigotry ~ lies ~and greed.
Is this the legacy we really want to leave?
Just what will it take ~ to right the wrong,
For children to finally begin to believe?*

*Children are beautiful ~ a true work of art.
They have no cobwebs in their young heart.
They deserve a chance to sing and dance,
So please ~ let us give them a running start!*

*Delicately wrap them in a blanket of hugs,
And gently cradle them with soft kid gloves.
Children are precious ~ pure and pristine.
Hold them closely with everlasting love.*

*janice tao
(5-22)*



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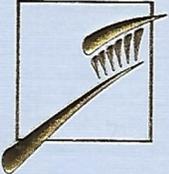
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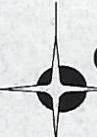
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