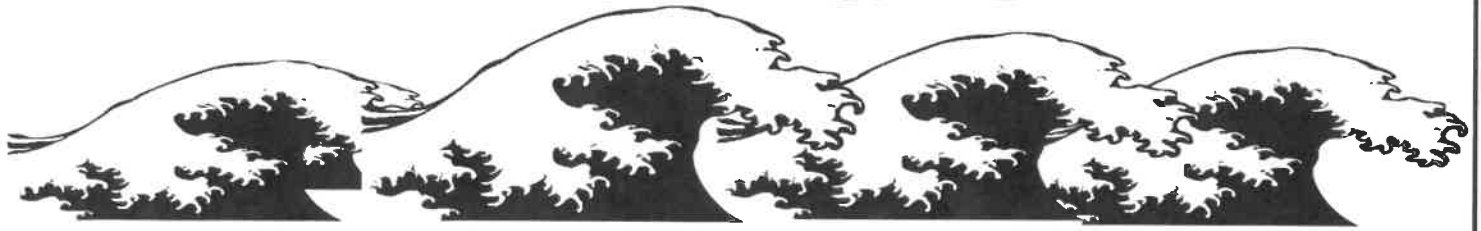


Nembutsu Wave



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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, 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 brahman¹ 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:

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.

continued

¹ Brahman, member of the highest Hindu class.

Birthdays - continued

3. "Whosoever destroys and besieges villages and hamlets and becomes notorious as an oppressor – know him as an outcast."²

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 a 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."³**

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 becomes 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.

The celebration will be a joint service with Watsonville and Monterey Buddhist Temple on April 14th at 10:00 am (1155 Noche Buena Street, Seaside, CA) with special guest speaker Rev. Brian Nagata.

Gassho,
Rev. Hosei Shinseki

² Vasala Sutta: Discourse on Outcasts, translated from the Pali by Piyadassi Thera

³ Shoshinge, Ryukoku Translation Series 6:70

APRIL 2019

Shotsuki Hoyo - Sunday, April 7, 2019 - "2:00 PM"

DeceasedFamily

Kiyono Hamamura	Hamamura Family
Haruno Enokida	Enokida Family
Shigeo Yamashita	Yamashita Family
Sakae Kitahara	Mr. Junkie Kitahara
Hatsu Miyamoto & Gordon Noboru Miyamoto	Mr. Mark Miyamoto
Isamu Sakai	Ms. Karen Sakai & Ms. Jeanie Onitsuka
Yoshito Yamahara	Yamahara Family
Kanji Watanabe & June Watanabe Green	Caroline Davis & Deborah Janssens
Masaru Yamashita	Mrs. Meiko Yoshida
Masayo Fujishige	Mr. Gerry Tsukimura
Thomas Saiki	Mrs. Miyo Saiki
Takahisa Miyamoto & Reiko Miyamoto	Mr. Bob Miyamoto
Yoshiko Ono	Nishimura Family
Shigeo Honda	Ms. Lisa Honda
Tokusei Ben Umezu	Mrs. Asako Umezu
Taro Inokuchi	Inokuchi Family
Toki Takamoto	Mr. Jeff Sumida
Matsuyo Urano & Kazuo Urano	Ishida Family
Ayako Matsubayashi	Rev. H. Matsubayashi
Eiichi Nishi	Shirakawa Family
Fujitaro Yokogawa	Mrs. Sayoko Yokogawa
Zentaro Nakamura	Mr. William Omoto
Hideo & Aiko Ito & Seiko Ito	Ms. Akemi Ito
William Mitsuo Sumida	Ms. Sumie Maruyama
Donald Kosei Satow	Mrs. Margaret Satow
Hiroshi George Nishi	Ms. Sachi Akaba
Han Sugimoto	Mr. Aki Sugimoto
Yasu Shingu	Mr. & Mrs. Gary Shingu
Sueko Sui Jarata	Mrs. Linda Rosten
Eiji Hashimoto	Mrs. Fumi Kawasaki
Yoshio Tabata	Mrs. Ruby Tabata
Margaret Ayako Sakino	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Sakino
Rev. Russell Joye Hamada	Mrs. Jane Hamada Shinseki
John Masashi Shinseki	Rev. Jay Shinseki
Tsutomu Matsushita	Mrs. Wako Matsushita
Wai Ming Cheng	Ian Fryman
Sawane Shimizu	Mr. & Mrs. Roy & Sydney Yamashita
Masami Michael Okumura	Ms. Lana Yee
Yukio Sumida	Ray & Betsy Sumida
Robbin Hattori Pickering	Mr. Eric Pickering

February Shotsuki Donations

**Atsumi Uyeda
Toru & Mary Kinoshita
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Special Donations

**Toshiko Uyeda, Hoonko Service donation
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Naomi Takigawa, Special donation in memory of her mother, Mrs. Sumie Mary Tokubo
Network for Good, Online Facebook donations
Osaisen, anonymous donations 2/3, 2/10, 2/17 & 2/24
Randolph & Jeanie Onitsuka, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Alice Sakai
Ronald Sakino, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Frank Futokazu Sakino
Karen Sakai & Charles Dene, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Alice Sakai and
Nirvana Day service donation
Clifford Shingu, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Frank Noburo Shingu
Frank & Marsha Lee, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Frank Noburo Shingu
Karen M. Stanely, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Chieko Shiozaki
Ken & Yoko Nishi, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Shika Tsubouchi
Sumiye Maruyama, Shotsuki Hoyo donation in memory of Michiko Sumida
Shorinji Kempo c/o Kazuki Arita, January & February facility use
Ohara Ikebana, c/o Rimiko Ogura, January facility use
Aikido of Monterey, c/o Danielle Smith, January facility use
The Dread Ponies, Holiday Party facility use
Sogetsu Ikebana, c/o June Matsuoka, February facility use
Tai Chi, c/o Yoshiko Arao, January facility use**

*The Temple is grateful for your very generous
donations*

BITS & PIECES

HANAMATSURI SERVICE

**SUNDAY APRIL 14TH
MONTEREY BUDDHIST TEMPLE**

**GUEST SPEAKER:
Rev. Brian Nagata**

Monterey and Watsonville Buddhist Temple members will celebrate the birth of the Buddha together at this special Hanamatsuri service. There will also be a luncheon following the service.

Please save this date and join us for this very special celebration of Shakyamuni Buddha's Birthday



**2019
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

We have included a copy of the MPBT Scholarship application in this newsletter. If you have a child or grandchild who is graduating high school this year, please consider applying for our \$1000.00 Scholarship.

If you have any question, please contact June A. Trachsel at jaokitrachsel@gmail.com

*****75th ANNIVERSARY*****

**Monterey Peninsula Buddhist
Temple**

Theme: Kansha: Gratitude

Save the date:

"October 9, 2021"

*****SAVE THIS DATE*****

**COAST DISTRICT NEMBUTSU
FAMILY CONFERENCE**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

AT

**WATSONVILLE BUDDHIST
TEMPLE**

Let's All Plan to Attend

2019 OBON MEETING

Sunday, April 28, 2019

9:00 am - 10:00 am

We will have our Third Obon meeting and are encouraging anyone who is interested in helping us this year to please come and join us as we prepare for this year's Obon. If you have never participated and would like to, please come to our meeting and join us as we plan for our 2019 Obon Festival.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!

**Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple
2019 Scholarship Application**

The Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple is accepting scholarship applications from graduating high school seniors whose parent(s) or grandparent(s) are members of the temple. Scholarships are \$1,000.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City/Zip _____

Phone_ (_____) _____ Email _____

Name of Parent(s) or Grandparent(s) _____
(One must be a member of the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple)

High School _____ GPA submitted for college _____

Colleges or Universities to which you have been accepted _____

College of University you plan to attend _____

Proposed major _____

Applicants must submit the following:

- 1) Scholarship application
- 2) One letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach or other adult (non-relative)
- 3) Current official school transcript.

All documents must be received no later than Friday, April 19, 2019. Please submit to:

June A.Trachsel
367 Hillcrest Ave.
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

or e-mail as a PDF to jaokitrachsel@gmail.com

If you have any questions, please contact June at (831) 372-7865 or jaokitrachsel@gmail.com

Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple 2019 Scholarship Application

1. Please submit a summary or list of your:
 - Activities with the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple
 - Community and school activities including any awards or offices held
 - Volunteer or employment history (if applicable)

2. Please submit a short narrative (no longer than 1 page) on the impact your association with the Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple has had on you.

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April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Sogetsu Ikebana Monterey Aikido 1:30-2:15 PM 5:00-7:00 PM	2 Monterey Aikido 4:00=7:00 PM	3 6:00-8:00 PM Shorinji Kempo	4 6:00-8:00 PM Asahi Martial Arts	5 6:00-8:00 PM Shorinji Kempo	6 Monterey Aikido 7:45-9:30 AM 10:00AM-12 Noon Tai Chi
7 2:00 PM Shotsuki Hoyo	8 Monterey Aikido 1:30-2:15 PM 5:00-7:00 PM	9 Monterey Aikido 4:00=7:00 PM	10 6:00-8:00 PM Shorinji Kempo	11 6:00-8:00 PM Temple Board Meeting	12 6:00-8:00 PM Shorinji Kempo	13 Monterey Aikido 7:45-9:30 AM 10:00AM-12 Noon Tai Chi 10:00AM-120Noon Decorate Hanamido
14 10:00 AM Bi Temple Hanamatsuri Service @ MPBT Guest Speaker: Rev Nagata Luncheon to follow	15 Monterey Aikido 1:30-2:15 PM 5:00-7:00 PM	16 Monterey Aikido 4:00=7:00 PM	17 6:00-8:00 PM Shorinji Kempo	18 6:00-8:00 PM Asahi Martial Arts	19 6:00-8:00 PM Shorinji Kempo	20 Monterey Aikido 7:45-9:30 AM
21 Easter Hanamasuri Festival Watsonville BT 11:00 AM-2:00 PM NO SERVICE	22 Monterey Aikido 1:30-2:15 PM 5:00-7:00 PM	23 Monterey Aikido 4:00=7:00 PM	24 6:00-8:00 PM Shorinji Kempo	25 6:00-8:00 PM Asahi Martial Arts	26 6:00-8:00 PM Shorinji Kempo	27 Monterey Aikido 7:45-9:30 AM FDSTL Conference
28 FDSTL Conference 9:00 AM Obon Meeting	29 10:30 AM-12:30 PM Ohara Ikebana Monterey Aikido 1:30-2:15 PM 5:00-7:00 PM	30 Monterey Aikido 4:00=7:00 PM				

May 2019

Tentative

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Sorinji Kempo 6:00-8:00 PM	2	3 Sorinji Kempo 6:00-8:00 PM	4 Monterey Aikido 7:45-9:30 AM Tai Chi 10:00 AM-12 Noon
5 10:00 AM Sunday Service (M.A.)	6 11:00 AM-1:00 pm Sogetsu Ikebana Monterey Aikido 1:30- 2:15 PM 5:00-7:00 PM	7 Monterey Aikido 4:00-7:00 PM	8 Sorinji Kempo 6:00-8:00 PM	9 Temple Board Meeting 6:00-8:00 PM	10 Sorinji Kempo 6:00-8:00 PM	11 Monterey Aikido 7:45-9:30 AM Tai Chi 10:00 AM-12 Noon
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19 10:00 AM Gotan-e Service	20 Monterey Aikido 1:30- 2:15 PM 5:00-7:00 PM	21 Monterey Aikido 4:00-7:00 PM	22 Sorinji Kempo 6:00-8:00 PM	23	24 Sorinji Kempo 6:00-8:00 PM	25 Monterey Aikido 7:45-9:30 AM
26 NO SERVICE	27 Memorial Day Cemetery Service 9:00 AM Seaside 10:00 AM Mtry 11:00 AM PG	28 Monterey Aikido 4:00-7:00 PM	29 Sorinji Kempo 6:00-8:00 PM	30	31 Sorinji Kempo 6:00-8:00 PM	



**Matsu Arts & Craft
Boutique**

Saturday, May 18, 2019

9am–4pm

**Monterey Peninsula Buddhist Temple
1155 Noche Buena, Seaside, California**

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Monterey and Watsonville
Buddhist Temples Together Celebrate

Hanamatsuri Flower Festival

At Monterey Peninsula
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Celebrate the birth of

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Sunday, April 14th

10:00AM to 1:00PM

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**Special
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Luncheon to follow

Special Guest Speaker
Rev. Brian Nagata

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**BUDDHIST TEMPLE OF SALINAS
BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
FOOD SALE**

**Sunday, June 2, 2019
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

(Please pick up before 1:00 p.m.)

**14 California Street
Salinas, CA 93901**

½ Teriyaki Chicken	\$ 6.00
Maki Sushi Box	\$ 6.00
Inari Sushi Box	\$ 6.00
Maki/Inari Sushi Comb. Box	\$ 6.00
Maki Sushi Roll	\$ 6.00

Fresh Vegetables & Pastries will be sold

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***SAVE THE
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***Coast District Nembutsu
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***Sunday, October 18, 2020
at
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