

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Minister's Greetings

It's convention time! Each year our fellow Jodo Shinshu Buddhists here in the Northwest gather at a hosting temple for the Buddhist Churches of America's Northwest District Convention.

This year is no exception. White River Buddhist Temple is honored to host our 72nd Convention at the DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel in Tukwila WA.

We are excited about the theme we have chosen:

Compassion: A feeling you get if you are a true human; the desire to help or, at the very least, see what you can do. Helping others who are experiencing all types of Dukkha (suffering), physical and spiritual to lead a more happy and joyous life.

Gratitude: Cultivating gratitude leads to the direct experience of the interconnectedness of all of life. Opening our hearts and receiving the Nembutsu teaching in gratitude.

Community: Develop a feeling of fellowship with others who share similar interests, goals, social values and responsibilities. Learning how our Buddhist values run parallel to other groups and individuals in our community.

To the convention committee members, sangha members, sponsors and ministers and friends who worked so hard, putting in many hours to make this annual gathering possible we bow in Gassho with deep gratitude.

Gassho

Reverend James Hozen Warrick



Message from the Chairperson

Happy New Year and Happy Year of the Boar. We as a temple are looking forward to an eventful year. We are in the final stages of the new electronic sign, we are hosting the 72nd Annual NW Buddhist Convention on February 15-17 at the Southcenter Doubletree Suites. I urge new temple members to attend, it's a unique experience to interact with all the northwest temples; people from Canada also attend. The Northwest District holds the distinction of holding the longest running Jodo-Shinshu convention in BCA.

This also is the 50th Annual Bon Odori at the current White River location this summer. Our new website is up and running and it looks fantastic. Thank you Sharon Kosai, Roger Fukai and Mirko Freguia (our marketing firm).

I would like to personally thank Dennis Asato for the donation of his tractor and accessories. The Temple will make good use of it.

Last don't forget February 10th is the General Meeting for Pledge Members. There will be a light lunch and the meeting will start after lunch.

Thank you for your support this past year. I would love to hear your comments to make my second better.

Wayne Mizuki

P.S. Remember to join us on February 3rd at 10:00am for "Pastries with President." No agenda, No donation, No catch. Just coffee, pastries (or something similar), and good conversation with your fellow Sangha members!

**February Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
February 3, 2019 at 10:30 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of February. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, February 3rd at 10:30 am. If any names have inadvertently been omitted, please email office@wrbt.org to correct our records.

Kishino Yamagata	1974	Kazuo Tsujikawa	1992
Setsu Yanagawa	1979	Mary Yukie Sakuma	2002
Haru Miyoshi	1980	Judy Schilthroat	2006
Kart Funai	1980	Dorothy Yaguchi	2010
Steven Takeo Tsuji	1987	Lily Yoshie Komoto	2016
Michael James Hamasaki	1991		

1 year ~ 2018	3 year ~ 2017	7 year ~ 2013	13 year ~ 2007
17 year ~ 2003	25 year ~ 1995	33 year ~ 1987	50 year ~ 1970

DESIGNATED MEMORIAL SERVICE YEARS To schedule a family memorial service, please contact office@wrbt.org

**Community Speaker Series
Gratitude, Compassion, Community
Sunday, January 27, 2019 – 10:30 am**

Ms. Lisa Candler, Ministries Manager, KentHOPE, was our speaker on 1/27/19. Ms. Candler described how Faith Communities support the mission of KentHOPE. KentHOPE’s mission is to build community by providing stable pathways out of homelessness while caring for body, mind, and spirit. On December 16, 2013, KentHOPE and Seattle’s Union Gospel Mission (SUGM) established the KentHOPE Day Center for Woman and Children at 9009 Canyon Drive in Kent. An average of 30 woman and 2 children a day receive services to meet their immediate needs and to link them to community resources to find jobs and housing. Ms. Candler described how the KentHOPE program moves women out of homelessness and into hope. One opportunity to help is to provide a meal for the women who live at the Day Center. The house is small so the meal would be prepared at Temple and taken to the Center to serve to the women. We could do this every other month or so. A sign-up sheet, to indicate interest, will be on the bulletin board. Please contact Vivian for more information.



**Zen-Shin
Meditation**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26
10AM - 12PM**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
10AM - 12PM**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
10AM - 12PM**

Instructors: Cris & Melissa Cyders

Join us as we continue to explore Zen Shin Meditation, including reviewing correct posture and breathing, and learning to focus attention in the hara (in the body, the focus of strength and concentration of power).

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Timeless Favorites Cooking Class

Many thanks to Sharon Kosai for her great class in December for the session on New Years’ dishes.

On Saturday, March 2, with St Patrick’s Day coming up, the next session will be Irish Stew & a mystery dish by Judy Waters and her friend, Joan. Class will begin at 10:00 am & the supply fee is \$10.00. Please sign up on the temple bulletin board in the back hallway or email office@wrbt.org

Japanese Language Service

There will be no Japanese Language Service in the month of February. We will resume services in March.

Thank You!

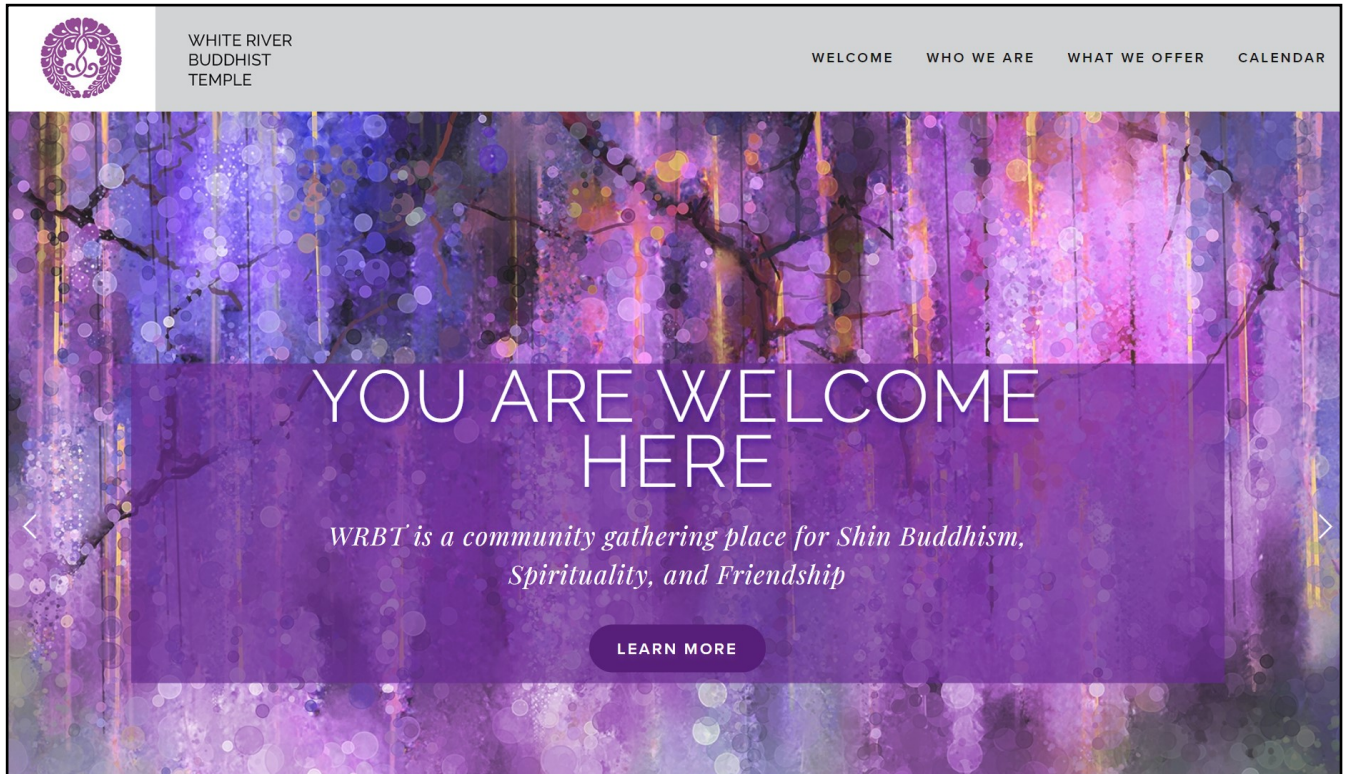
⇒ Gayle Takemura for organizing our annual Shinnenkai luncheon!

⇒ Dennis Asato for maintaining the Temple website for years and years!

Just Launched! White River Buddhist Temple WEBSITE

www.wrbt.org

We just launched our new White River Buddhist Temple website! We hope that the site has captured who we are as a Temple and what we have to offer. Take a look at the site and let us know what you think.



Electronic Sign Project Update

Berry Sign Systems installed the pole for the new electronic sign last month and will complete the sign installation sometime in late January or early February depending on when we can get the asphalt repaired. Berry Signs has requested that the asphalt be repaired prior to final installation so that the asphalt can be properly sealed next to the base and under the protective steel sheeting.

We will be meeting with the Mikami/Shimatsu Foundation to make a status report and funding request sometime in early February.

CALL LIST

If you are not currently on the CALL LIST, but would like to be notified about funerals, special events, etc. please contact the office@wrbt.org. Conversely, if you are on the list, but would like your name removed, please contact us at office@wrbt.org.

Newsletter Reminder

Reminder...you can receive your newsletter via email. Try it out by contacting newsletter@wrbt.org and we'll put you on the list!

March newsletter articles are due **Wednesday, February 13th**. Please send your articles to newsletter@wrbt.org.

Fundraising Committee Report

On May 4, 2019, we shall have a Fun Day event at our temple. This will include a Plant Sale, Food and some baked items, Origami Making, Face Painting and children's games. Genie Lau has volunteered to chair the event. Mary Cogger and Alva Nishimura are in charge of the plant sale, Gretchen Hansen will do the origami making and Greg Watson and Ruth Terry will be in charge of the food. The committee will be meeting in the near future to work out more details for this great day!! Because this is new event we have done before, the committee is open to new and different ideas. If you have any ideas for this day or would like to help us, please contact Norma G at office@wrbt.org. This will be our spring event for this year!!

*****CALLING ALL PLANT LOVERS*****

WE ARE IN NEED OF PLANTS FOR OUR PLANT SALE AND WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE!! IF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DONATE PLANTS, THEY NEED TO BE PLANTED NOW TO BE IN TIME FOR THE MAY 4th FUN DAY!!! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT MARY COGGER OR ALVA NISHIMURA!! WE THANK YOU ALL FOR HELPING MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESSFUL ONE!!

Buddhist Women's Association
bwa@wrbt.org



Craft Time After December Membership Meeting – Front Table, left to right – Connie, Maydell, Gretchen, Eva, Gayle, Vivian. Far Table – Melissa, Georgette, Janis, Pat.

Thank you to Eva, Georgette, & Gretchen for a fun craft time after our December general meeting! Thank you, Eva, for coming up with the idea, and organizing creative crafting for everyone!

Donate to Silent Auction Baskets – Please contact Eva or Karen asap or this month to donate crafts or new items for our White River BWA basket(s) for silent auction at NW Buddhist Convention. Purpose – to support our WR BWA donation to 2019 World Buddhist Women's Convention. < BWA@wrbt.org >

World Buddhist Women's Convention (WBWC) – Aug 30 – Sept 1 – We must register as a group. Special WR BWA registration forms & more info on back hallway bulletin board. Deadline to submit your registration forms & check to Karen by May 1. You must make your own hotel reservations. WBWC website: <http://www.cvent.com/events/16th-world-buddhist-women-s-convention/event-summary-79ccfd922c4a4624b466625c6a460dc4.aspx?RefID=WBWC> Questions? < BWA@wrbt.org >

Jan 28, Mon, 9:00 leave temple - Fun Fellowship to Red Wind Casino in Olympia – Sign-up sheet & more info is posted on back hallway bulletin board. Meet there or carpool available for up to 11 passengers so far.

Jan 29, Tues, 10:00 – 12:00 – Crafting/Mending and Coffee Time + January Special Offering - Bring your craft or mending projects or just come for coffee & visiting. Also special only for this January session, Georgette will be offering "Build-A-Bracelet" one more time ... unleash your creative urges at no cost. Georgette will have a selection of beads from which you can design your own bracelet. Select beads that you like and she will transform your design into a bracelet for you to keep or gift to someone special. It will be unique, just like you.

Lots of great Fun Fellowship ideas were offered at the meeting ranging from karaoke at the Great Wall to strolling by Snoqualmie Falls. We will continue to try to offer at least as many Fun Fellowship opportunities in 2019. Watch the back hallway bulletin board for information & sign-up sheets. Fun Fellowships are open to all who are interested. Questions? Ask Karen or < BWA@wrbt.org >.

"Arigato Obaachan" – Deadline extended through February. BCA Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations, FBWA, will be hosting the 16th World Buddhist Women's Convention in San Francisco this year. We're inviting all to help us in this monumental endeavor. "Arigato Obaachan" was set up to honor and say thank you to our grandmothers, mothers, aunties, sisters, and other female relatives & friends. Donation forms and more information are located on the lobby table, or e-mail < BWA@wrbt.org >.

Green Box Year Round Collections in temple lobby – January – March = Paper Supplies. Thank you for your support!

Newspapers - Thank you for your donations of recycled newspapers that are delivered to Inca's Secret. Nov = 5 bags newspapers and Dec = 6 bags newspapers + 2 large bags of towels.

Diaper Jar on the lobby table during service days. We are collecting your loose change to purchase diapers and wipes for those in need. We have been donating these to Auburn Food Bank. If you know of another local charity in need of these items, please contact Vivian.

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BWA Future Dates

Jan – March	YEAR-ROUND Green Box DONATIONS = Paper Supplies
Jan 19, Sat 9:00-12:00	Soup-Making – sign-up sheet on bulletin board (open to all)
Jan 28, Mon 9:15	Fun Fellowship to Red Wind Casino Olympia – Leave temple 9:30
Jan 29, Tues 10:00-12:00	Crafting/Mending and Coffee Time + January Special Build-A-Bracelet.
Mar 24, Sun	Lady Kujo Memorial Service – Rev. Warrick
Mar 30, Sat 9:00-11:00	Scarf-Making
April	Spring Gift Card Fundraiser
May 1	Registration Deadline for WR BWA for World Buddhist Women’s Convention, San Francisco
Aug 30-Sept 1	WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION, hosted by FBWA - San Francisco, CA. More info & sign-up sheet on BWA bulletin board.
Oct 27, Sun	Eshinni-Kakushinni Memorial Service, Minister’s Assistant Anne Spencer
November	Fall Gift Card Fundraiser

Rev. Carol Himaka

In October 2017, Rev. Carol Himaka, Resident Minister at Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church (SACBC) was a special Dharma Speaker at our BWA Eshin-ni-Kakushin-ni Memorial Service. Through her Dharma Talk, she spoke about how these two fine ladies influenced the spreading of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism during and after Shinran Shonin’s death. She shared details of their lives that demonstrated these influences in an entertaining manner. Rev. Himaka’s talk was truly a very special event.

We recently received information from SACBC about Rev. Himaka and her illness. In late August, she was hospitalized in a semi-conscious state where numerous tests were run, but no diagnosis was confirmed. She was hospitalized for 2 weeks, then transferred to a local Rehab Hospital where she gradually improved, but still unable to talk and move around normally. After Thanksgiving, with more improvement, she was released from the Rehab Hospital and moved by her family to another care facility in San Diego for further treatment and recovery where she remains today.

She and her family are facing many medical expenses for which SACBC and other temples and churches are asking for donations. If you would like to help Rev. Himaka in her recovery with cards, letters and/or donations, please send them in care of her sister:

Lynn Fuchigami
 13956 Chancellor Way
 Poway, CA 92064

Checks may be made out to Lynn. All checks, letters and/or donations will be greatly appreciated. We are hoping for the best and will keep you informed as we receive news. Thank You.

ABA

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Auburn Food Bank during the holidays. It is greatly appreciated. A total of 269.5 pounds were donated from Thanksgiving (122#) to Christmas (147.5#). Thanks to Charles Natsuha-
 ra for delivering the boxes to Auburn Food Bank.

Our next Mens’ Cooking Class and ABA meeting will be at 10:00 am on Monday, February 4th. Eva Chun will be the master chef.

Convention Booster and Sponsors - Support our convention by becoming a convention booster! We are also accepting convention sponsors and advertisements for our program booklet. If you know of a business that may donate, contact us. The Convention Booster form is below.



NW District Buddhist Convention

**Compassion
 Gratitude
 Community**

Keynote Speaker
 Rev. Matthew Hamasaki, Buddhist Church of Sacramento

**FEBRUARY 15 - 17, 2019
 DOUBLETREE SUITES -
 SEATTLE/AIRPORT IN TUKWILA**

More information and Registration: bit.ly/2019conventionregistration
 Hotel: bit.ly/2019conventionhotel
 Questions? convention@wrbt.org

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Reverend Warrick's Formal Temple Office Hours

Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

For religious or other consultations and home visitations, we advise that an appointment be made directly with Rev. Warrick. Reverend Warrick is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for emergencies.

For ALL ministerial needs (including emergencies), please call the Temple phone (253) 833-1442. If your call is not answered immediately, please leave a message and Rev Warrick will return your call as soon as possible. Note that calls will be forwarded to Rev. Warrick when he is not at the Temple.

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