

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Minister's Greetings

Wow April is here! Birds are courting and building nests, the promise of new life is everywhere.

Flowers, flowers everywhere! So many flowers bloom in April. Flowers are a welcome sight as they mark the beginning of spring and the arrival of warm weather. This month we celebrate "Flower festival".

Hanamatsuri or "flower festival" along with the celebration of Buddha's birth began around 600 CE and is celebrated by Jodo Shinshu followers and other Mahayana Buddhists the world over. It is said the original purpose of the festival was to encourage fruiting flowers to blossom and stay in bloom. The belief was that the longer the flowers blossomed in spring, the more prosperous the harvest would be in the fall.

The most important part of the Hanamatsuri celebration is the observance of Buddha's birthday.

Legend has it that when the Bodhisattva was born, immediately after birth, he took seven steps. With each step, lotus blossoms sprang from the earth, proclaiming the glory of his birth. He took these steps in each of the four directions and proclaimed, "In heaven above and earth below, I am the most honored one. I shall dispel the suffering that fills the world." The first six steps refer to the six realms of samsara; the seventh step, humanity's potential to transcend this world of suffering.

We celebrate the birth of Shakyamuni Buddha, the greatest of sentient beings, because the birth of Shakyamuni represents the birth of Buddhism. With the coming of Shakyamuni began the spread of Buddhism. Buddhism became available to all people with his birth. Happy 2584th Birthday Buddha!

Gassho

Reverend James Hozen Warrick



Message from the Chairperson

March is half over and I have just got back from the National Council Meeting in Phoenix. The BCA National Board has decided to try to sell the BCA Headquarters in San Francisco to a Jodo Shinshu friendly buyer with the intent of leasing the building. The potential buyers are Hongwanji International, San Francisco Buddhist Temple or another International Organization. The selling of the Bishop's residence in Belmont, CA was voted down when we found out that what we have been told about the condition of the residence for the past two years was not true. Ministers salary was raised a \$1,000 for Kaikoshi Ministers per month.

Reverend Gibbs (previously from Oregon Buddhist Temple) of Palo Alto and Reverend Iwohara (previously from Seattle) of Gardena were honored for 25 years of service.

In April, the Ministers Association and the Lay Committee will nominate the next Bishop. The vote will be conducted at the Ministers Fukun in September.

The final bad news is the BCA dues assessment this year is \$146.06 per member. I have had members say they will not pay the dues assessed. This hurts the temple because we have been assessed the amount whether you pay or not. If a pledge member says I won't pay the dues, the temple has to assume the cost.

Wayne Mizuki

P.S. Remember to join us on April 7th 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!

**April Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
April 7, 2019 at 10:30 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of April. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, April 7th at 10:30 am. If any names have inadvertently been omitted, please email office@wrbt.org to correct our records.

Richard William Arima	1983	Frank Senji Natsuhara	1999
Reiko Yamamoto	1989	Misao Tsukamaki	1999
Dennis Tanaka	1990	Roy Fujisawa Bingo	2000
Barbara Kimiko Tsuji	1993	Fujie Yabusaki	2004
Kenzo Kinoshita	1995	Tetsuo Yanagawa	2006
Frank Masaru Arima	1995	Kaoru Yanagawa	2010
George Akio Taketa	1997	Shari Watanabe	2010

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

Hanamatsuri Service Notice

In this month's newsletter you will find an invitation for our Hanamatsuri service, being held on **Sunday, April 14th**. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Our guest speaker will be Rev. James Martin from Calgary Buddhist Temple.

Rev. Martin grew up in Neepawa Manitoba, where he was raised within the United Church tradition and worked in the telecommunications industry. His travels have taken him to many parts of the world but it was a trip to Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia that introduced him to the Buddhist tradition. He received his Kaikyoshi in December 2007. Rev. Martin and his spouse Lena, have 5 grandchildren and enjoy camping and traveling.

For those who receive their newsletter electronically, envelopes will be available at the Temple.

**Community Speaker Series
Ms. Satwinder Kaur
April 29, 2019**

Ms. Satwinder Kaur grew up in Kent and graduated from Kentridge High School. Satwinder Kaur is currently serving as a member of the Kent City Council. Please join us in welcoming Satwinder as she shares her story of growing up Sikh and service to community.

Conversation and snacks immediately follow.

**Timeless Favorites Cooking Class
April 6th at 10:00am**

Many thanks to Judy Gardner and Joan Haskin for a delicious Irish Stew with Scones & Irish coffee for our March class. After lunch, we were quizzed on things Irish with prizes for the winners. Don Gardner entertained us on his ukulele with a sing-a-long, led by his wife Judy. What a fun time we all had. All the proceeds from the cooking class were donated to the Temple per their request

Next month on Saturday, April 6, Chiho Pewitt will teach Sesame Green Beans and Omurice – (omu raisu), an example of Yoshoku (Western influenced style of Japanese cuisine) consisting of an omelette made with fried rice... sounds intriguing! Bring a 12" frying pan. Supply fee is \$10. Please sign up on the temple bulletin board or email office@wrbt.org. If anyone is interested in sharing their talents, we need & welcome volunteers to teach.

Newsletter Reminder

April newsletter articles are due **Sunday, April 14th**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org.

Receive your newsletter via email! Contact newsletter@wrbt.org.

Buddhist Women's Association
BWA@wrbt.org

All are welcome to participate in BWA activities. You do not need to be a BWA member.



Fun Fellowship to Puyallup Meeker Mansion Tea & Guided Tour + Watson's Greenhouse – Thurs, March 14 – Top Row L to R: Vivian, Maydell, Darlene. 2nd Row: Yuri, Katie. 3rd Row: Eva, Pat. 4th Row: Georgette, Judy. 5th Row: Gretchen, Karen. Front Row: Lilly, Amy. *(We should have taken the photo outside where there was better lighting. Next time ...)*

Georgette's summary of our day ...

Like our temple, many people go past the Meeker Mansion in Puyallup, give it a quick thought, and carry on. I thought there must be something interesting inside as well as a good story about the Meekers. I am so glad we were able to gather a group together for a tea and tour. Our tea was served in the front room. Surrounded by period furniture and beautiful, detailed wall and ceiling decorations, we could feel a bit of what life was like in the 1890s. Our tour guide, Helen, was very friendly, made us welcome, and had many tales of the Meekers and the mansion to relate.

Touring the first and second floors, we could see how much restoration and care has gone into presenting the mansion as close to original. Work is ongoing, painting was in progress in the billiard room. We all went away with an appreciation of the love the historical society and its volunteers have for the mansion. Christmas season has the home decorated -- Perhaps another outing is in store.

For a breath of spring, we went to Watson's Greenhouse. Plants, home and garden décor. Green, green, green everywhere. Some wandered the aisles, others enjoyed the delicious soup in the cafe. All in all, a great fun fellowship outing.

Gift Card Fundraiser – Watch for gift card fundraiser order forms coming in April in temple lobby. Buy for gifts for others or for yourself, including for gas & groceries. Too many gift cards to list on the order form so if you don't see what you need, please ask Karen if they are available. BWA@wrbt.org

Thank you to Fisher House Chairperson Char and Gayle, Judy, Sally, Vivian, and Wayne for supporting Community Service preparing chicken enchiladas, Mexican rice, refried beans with guacamole, salad, and pound cake with fruit compote for the VA Hospital military patients and families!

Thank you to Eva, Asato Family, Georgette, June Kosai, Mary, Norma, Karen for donating to the successful BWA sales & silent auction at Convention! \$300 was brought in to go toward our WR BWA donation to 2019 World Buddhist Women's Convention. We will vote on how this will be donated at our April 7 BWA general meeting after Sunday service. NWD BWA is asking if our chapters want to go together on buying an ad with our \$300-per-chapter donations.

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. Workshops may fill up as time goes by. You must make your own hotel & flight reservations. Ask Karen for special group rates & codes for hotel & Alaska Airline flights. WBWC website: <https://wbwconvention.org/2019-wbw-convention/> Questions? < BWA@wrbt.org >

"Arigato Obaachan" – Deadline extended. 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 >.

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BWA News Continued....

Future Dates - All are welcome to participate in our activities whether BWA member or not.

April – June	YEAR-ROUND Green Box DONATIONS = Non-Perishable Foods & Toiletries
Mar 24, Sun	Lady Kujo Memorial Service & Spring Tea – Rev. Warrick
Mar 25, Mon (10:00-12:00)	Craft & Coffee Time – Special for March – Sumi-e Painting Class by Gretchen. Beginners are welcome. Class info & sign-up sheet will be on bulletin board.
Mar 30, Sat (9:00-11:00)	Scarf-Making
April	Spring Gift Card Fundraiser
April 6, Sat	Fun Fellowship to Music Man((Must sign up. Sign-up sheet & more info on bulletin board)
April 7, Sun	BWA General Meeting after service
May 1	Registration Deadline for WR BWA for World Buddhist Women’s Convention, San Francisco
June 29-30	Fun Fellowship Weekend to Yakima. Sign-up sheet & more info on bulletin board.
Aug 30-Sep 1	WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION, hosted by FBWA – San Francisco, CA. More info & sign-up sheet on BWA bulletin board.

Green Box Year Round Collections in temple lobby – January – March = Paper Supplies. Thank you for your support! 27½ pounds of food, toiletries, shoes & polish, ribbon donated to Auburn Food Bank in March.

Newspapers - Thank you for your donations of recycled newspapers that are delivered to Inca's Secret. February = 20 bags newspapers + 1 large bag 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.

ABA

Our next ABA men's cooking class is Monday, April 8, 2019 at 10:00 am. Pat Kawabata will provide the expertise. Everyone is invited but let me know if you are coming so we have enough food.

The ABA Spring field trip to the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum and Japanese American Memorial (evacuation) is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th. It is open to all temple members and friends, but we have a limited number spots available, so if interested please notify me at reokimoto@comcast.net or 253 859 2605, ASAP.

**Bon Odori
July 27, 2019**

This year is our 50th anniversary of the White River Bon Odori and the theme is "Retrospective". We hope to have a pictorial display of past Bon Odori events, so please search your picture albums for pictures. You may contact Randy Okimoto at 253 859 2605 or reokimoto@Comcast.net.

**Zen-Shin
Meditation**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30
10AM - 12PM**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13 & 27
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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Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from February 12th through March 17th. Thank you to the many people whose financial donations, as well as their donations of goods, energy, and time help the temple provide services, programs, and maintain the temple.

Please contact Charles Natsuhara, Treasurer, regarding omissions or corrections by phone (253) 833-0789, or by email to finance@wrbt.org

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials

Mrs. Rosie Kato	In memory of Satoru Kato and Ted Komoto
M/M Mike & Louise Kato	In memory of Satoru Kato
Mrs. Katie Komoto	March Shotsuki
Mrs. Amy Kato	March Shotsuki
Mrs. Lilly Kato	March Shotsuki
Sumer and Mark Wong	In memory of Shigeru Nishimura & Yasumi Kinoshita
Kent & Julie Nishimura	In memory of Shigeru Nishimura & Yasumi Kinoshita
Ms. Lorraine Blackler	March Shotsuki - In memory of Hiroto Mizoguchi
Ms Michelle Phillips	In memory of Tiny Tsutae Taketa
Mrs. Tomeko Taketa	In memory of Benjamin T. Taketa
Alan Yamada and Family	In memory of Maki Yamada
Mrs. Betty Tanaka	In memory of Maki Yamada & Yoshio Horiuchi
Ms. Laurie Tanaka	In memory of Maki Yamada & Yoshio Horiuchi
Mr. Kayo Terayama and, M/M Tom & Karen Little	In memory of Toshi Terayama

Spring Ohigan

Mrs. Yuki Iwai	Mrs. Lilly Kato
Mrs. Amy Kato	Mrs. Rosie Kato

General Donations

Mrs. Mitsuko Terada	Japanese Service
M/M Paul Mori	In Appreciation – NW District Convention
Idaho – Oregon Buddhist Temple	In Appreciation – NW District Convention
Seattle Betsuin BWA	In Appreciation – NW District Convention
M/M Ron & Karen Murakami	Readerboard Project
Timeless Favorites Cooking Class	In Appreciation

NW District Convention Boosters – Thank you to the following boosters who donated a total of \$2735 to help with the funding of the 2019 NW District Convention.

Robert & Mitzi Akiyama	Stogie & Pat Kawabata	Taketa / McKinney Family
Asato Ohana	Katie Komoto	Mark & Ruth Terry
Randy & Eva Chun	Mark & Sharon Kosai	Tamio & Takako Uchida
Roger Fukai & Shirley Kanda	Wayne & Sally Mizuki	Rev. Jim & Rona Warrick
Bill & Norma Geenty	Ron & Karen Murakami	Darlene Yamada
Charlene & Lorin Grinolds	Kathryn Natsuhara	Yoshiko Yamada
Joan & Dave Hoskin	Charles Natsuhara	Dennis Yamashita
Rosie, Mike & Louise Kato	Randy Okimoto	
Lilly Kato	Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani	

2019 Pledge Totals

February 1 - 28, 2019

Thank you for your support in 2019!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
Mar 1, 2019	\$8,050	\$12,730	22	\$4,550	\$6,960
Name & Amount Not Specified for Publishing			Anonymous #4		
Amount Not Specified for Publishing			Joan Rodgers		
Under \$500	Dennis Yamashita	Anonymous #5	Yuki Iwai		
\$500-\$999	Anonymous #6	Anonymous #7	Anonymous #8		
\$1,000-\$4,999	Anonymous #2	Anonymous #3			
<u>For Comparison</u>					
Mar 4, 2018	\$1,865	\$13,710	22	\$1,050	\$9,135

Investment Committee

Good news, during the current market rally, our investment portfolio has recouped most of our 2018 losses. Keep your fingers crossed.

Essential Buddhism Class

Sunday, April 21 & 28, and May 5 & 12

12:00 - 1:30 pm

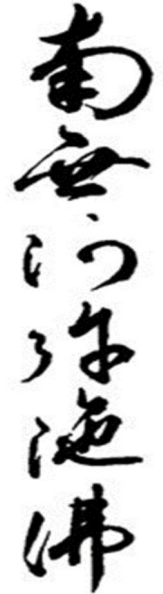
This is a discussion-oriented class about some of the essential threads that bind all Buddhists together. Topics to be covered are, the life of Siddhartha Gautama, brief history of Buddhism, the basics of wisdom, morality, and meditation. In addition we will discuss the two main branches of Buddhism. Classes will be led by Rev. Jim Warrick. No charge; donations accepted.

April 21 & 28: Essential Buddhism Parts 1 and 2 Topics covered include:

- Brief history of Buddhism
- The life of Siddhartha Gautama
- The Four Noble Truths of Buddhism
- The Eightfold Path
- The Five Precepts
- The Cycle of Birth
- The meaning of Karma
- Nirvana or enlightenment

May 5 & 12: Essential Buddhism Parts 3 and 4 Topics covered include:

- The two main branches of Buddhism
- Purposes of meditation
- Essential Buddhist concepts of emptiness, impermanence and interconnectedness
- Sense of self
- Theravada Buddhism
- Rise of the Mahayana
- Essentials of Jodo Shinshu
- Nembutsu
- Pure Land
- Bodhisattvas



Hanamido Decorating

Saturday, April 13

10:00 am

We will be decorating the Hanamido with fresh flowers in preparation for Hanamatsuri. Anyone who would like to help is welcome! If you have any fresh flowers to share, please bring them in the morning.

Fun Day Event

May 4, 2019

The Fun Day Event will include a Plant Sale, food, 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. If you have any ideas or would like to help us, please contact Norma Geenty at wiliamgeenty@comcast.net or at 253-840-4386. 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 4 Fun Day! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Cogger or Alva Nishimura. Thank you all for helping make this event a successful one!

White River Buddhist Temple
Hanamatsuri
Celebrating the Birth of Shakyamuni Buddha



**Guest Speaker: Rev. James Martin from Calgary Buddhist Temple,
Canada**

Date: Sunday April 14, 2019

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Seminar with Rev. Martin prior to Hanamatsuri

Date: Saturday April 13, 2019

Time 3:00 – 4:30p.m.

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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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