

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Minister's Greetings

Greetings,

The Japanese word Kaeru means frog. I have a frog poem for you. It goes like this:

THE OPTIMISTIC FROG

Two frogs fell into a bowl of cream. It was a deep bowl.

One frog was on optimistic soul, but the other took the gloomy view,

"We'll drown!" he cried without more adieu, and with a last despairing cry he flung up his legs and said goodbye.

The other frog said with a merry grin, "I can't get out, but I won't give in."

"I'll just swim around 'til my strength is spent then will I die with more content".

So bravely he swam until it did seem, his struggles began to churn the cream.

On top of the butter he finally stopped, and out of the bowl he gaily hopped.

What of this moral? 'tis easily found

If you can't get out, keep swimming around.

Don't give up keep trying

Dharmakara Bodhisattva kept trying for ten thousand eons and finally came up with a way to save all sentient beings.

The way is so simple even a small child holding a frog can do it. What is it?

Say Namu Amida Butsu. That's all there is to it!!!!

The word Kaeru also means to go back; to go home; to come home; to return.

At the beginning of this month, I have come full circle here. It has been one year since I started my Ministry at White River Buddhist Temple.

Rona and I are very grateful to the members of our Sangha for supporting me and welcoming us into the family.

We feel (kaeru) as though we have truly come home.

Gassho

Reverend James Hozen Warrick



Kaeru (Frog)



Message from the Chairperson

Yesterday 19 of us went to Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial. Listening to Kay and Lilly tell of their experiences made me reflect back to the stories my family told about camp life at Minidoka. My family has attended the Minidoka Pilgrimage twice and once with my wife's family. What an experience to go inside an actual barrack and mess hall and walk the camp to see what they had to endure is remarkable. We also went to the opening of the 9066 exhibit at the National Museum of American History. The actual document was on display and I felt anger reading the quotes from President Roosevelt and General Dewitt which prompted Executive Order 9066. We also visited the Japanese American Memorial which lists all 10 camps and how people were in each camp.

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I am proud to be a member of White River which continues to preserve our history as well as looking ahead to our future. Thank you.

Wayne Mizuki

P.S. Remember to join us on June 2nd 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!

**June Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
June 2, 2019 at 10:30 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of June. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, June 2nd at 10:30 am. If any names have inadvertently been omitted, please email office@wrbt.org to correct our records.

Takeyo Hiranaka	1970	Rose Fusaye Teraoka	1998
Shina Iwai	1973	Ben Tsutomu Nishimoto	1998
Shizuko Natsuhara	1979	Shizuka Nishimoto	2001
Kitaro Tsuji	1979	Aiko Horiuchi	2005
Darlene Jan Ibuki	1980	James Garcia	2010
Harry Ikuma Shimomura	1984	Yuki Kitagawa	2011
Gary Watanabe	1990	Lillian Asato	2017
Naomi Shima Martin	1992		

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

Meditation Sessions

Saturday, June 8: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Saturday, June 22: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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).

Questions? office@wrbt.org

Newsletter Reminder

April newsletter articles are due **Sunday, June 16th**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org.

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

Have you always wanted to be a newsletter editor?! Here’s your opportunity! We are looking for someone who is proficient in Publisher (preferred) or Word to gather articles and arrange them into a newsletter format. Contact newsletter@wrbt.org if interested or have questions.

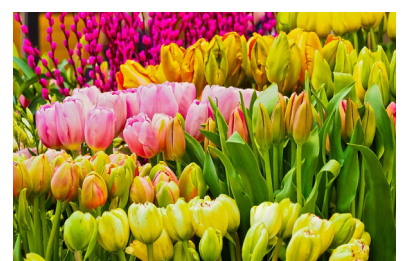
Pioneer Cemetery Update

With the assistance of Rev. Kusunoki, 3 Jizo statues were purchased by the White River Valley Museum for the Kato Family memorial at the Pioneer Cemetery. The statues replace the original statues that had been stolen. The Kato Family memorial has been moved and the new statues installed. During the Memorial Day service, the new statues will be dedicated.

With the installation of the statues, a major portion of the improvements at the cemetery will have been completed. The city is planning a ceremony to dedicate the improvements sometime in August. More details of the ceremony will be published when they are finalized.

**Thank you for your participation in
Spring Bloom Day**

Thank you for joining us for our Spring Bloom Day. The weather was beautiful, people were excited to pick out plants and flowers, and everyone enjoyed the activities and delicious food! A special thank you goes out to Genie Lau for coordinating this event! Give us your feedback at office@wrbt.org



Buddhist Churches of America Northwest District

KIKYOSHIKI CONFIRMATION CEREMONY OFFICIATED BY GOMONSHU KOJUN OHTANI

Special Confirmation Ceremony will be conducted by Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani on **Monday, September 2, 2019 at 3:15PM at the Oregon Buddhist Temple and on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 5:30PM at the Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Temple.**

If you wish to participate, please contact Rev. Warrick by Sunday, June 16, 2019. Rev.Warrick@wrbt.org or 253-833-1442

Confirmation Ceremony or “Kikyoshiki” is a solemn ceremony performed before Amida Buddha to officially confirm your entry into the Path of the Nembutsu. Participants will affirm their reverence toward the Three Treasures of the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. “Buddha” is not simply in reference to Shakyamuni Buddha, but refers more importantly to Amida Buddha, the Buddha of Infinite Wisdom and Compassion. “Dharma” is the teaching of Amida Buddha’s Great Compassionate Working to embrace all beings without any discrimination. “Sangha” refers to the community of people who have entrusted themselves to Amida Buddha and its Nembutsu teaching.

By participating in the Confirmation Ceremony, participants will receive a Buddhist Name (Homyo). These names are in the form of “Shaku” and two kanji characters that follow. The word “Shaku” means “disciple of Shakyamuni” and this signifies that the person has joined the followers of the Nembutsu Teaching which was expounded by Shakyamuni Buddha and one now commits to live according to the teaching.

The Confirmation Ceremony is open to all members. There is no minimum or maximum age limit. However, the individual must be able to participate in the ceremony at the temple on the day. We sincerely hope that your temple members will take this wonderful opportunity to participate in the Confirmation Ceremony. Please contact Rev. Yuki Sugahara (Oregon) at ysobtport1and060117@gmail.com or (916)834-7350, Rev. Katsuya Kusunoki (Seattle) at rev.kusunoki@seattlebetsuin.com or (206)329-0800 for any questions.

2019年9月2日及び3日、大谷光淳 御門主様 の西北部教区ご巡回が行われます。このご勝縁をお迎えするにあたり、オレゴン仏教会及びシアトル別院を会所とし、帰敬式を執り行う運びとなりました。まだ、法名をいただかれておられない方、法名は死んでからいただく名前ではありません。ぜひともご門主様から直接に帰敬式をお受けになり、念仏者としての喜びとこころざしを新たにする機縁としていただきますよう、ここに謹んでご案内申し上げます。 合掌

Confirmation Application Fee: \$50.00

Please contact Rev. Warrick by Sunday, June 16, 2019 if you wish to submit an application.

Please note that your Buddhist Name will be conferred by Honzan. If you wish to make a personal request for a Buddhist Name, you will be asked to submit a separate registration form with an additional \$100.00 fee.

Puget Sound Shin Buddhist Study Series

June 12 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Held at Seattle Betsuin

PUGET SOUND SHIN BUDDHIST STUDY SERIES

THE THIRD INTERTEMPLE BUDDHIST STUDY SERIES
WILL BE HELD AT THE SEATTLE BETSUIN

DATE: WEDNESDAY JUNE 12TH, 2019 7:00-9:00 PM

NO REGISTRATION OR PAYMENT REQUIRED, BUT DONATIONS ARE WELCOME! ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE SHIN BUDDHIST SCHOLARSHIP GRANT



A: "WHO IS MASTER SHAN TAO?"
- REV. TAKASHI MIYAJI OF TACOMA BUDDHIST TEMPLE



B: "WHAT IS THE TEACHING OF OJORAISAN?" - REV. YUKI SUGAHARA OF OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE



C: "CHANTING - THE BEAUTIFUL MELODY OF OJORAISAN" - REV. KATSUYA KUSUNOKI OF SEATTLE BETSUIN



D: DISCUSSION - "ESSENTIALS OF BUDDHISM" - REV. JIM WARRICK OF WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

SCHEDULE

7:00 - 7:30: CHANTING AND READING OF OJORAISAN
 7:30 - 7:40: BREAK
 7:40 - 8:30: WORKSHOPS A, B, C AND D
 8:30 - 9:00: DHARMA GATHERING AND REFRESHMENTS

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As part of the rotating study series in the Northwest Buddhist Temples, Seattle Betsuin will be hosting the 3rd in the series, featuring our four ministers conducting four different workshops. Please contact Seattle Betsuin or Rev. Warrick for more information.

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Sunrise Summer Solstice Sit

June 22, 2019

5:00 am

Yes, that's right! 5 AM in the morning, because sunrise on that day is 05:11 a.m.

All of life on planet Earth begins to awaken as the Sun's early rays begin to fall upon the planet. The atmosphere is highly charged and provides the essential food to all living organisms in nature. Being still and quieting the mind at this auspicious time of day can be transformational on a spiritual level.

Meditation is part of the universal wisdom of the human family and is found in all major spiritual traditions. It therefore offers a direct way into the common ground we all share and that we need to re-connect with today so urgently.

This practice is simple and can be experienced by anyone. Be here on time, sit in a comfortable upright position with a straight spine. You may sit on a cushion, a chair or wherever you choose. Keeping your spine straight is important to lessen pain and discomfort. Partially close your eyes, gently drop the chin a bit, begin to turn your attention inward. Follow your breath and just quietly sit. Sit. Sit.

Free pancake breakfast for all following close of the meditation.

Timeless Favorites Cooking Class

June 1 at 10:00am

Many thanks to Maydell & Eva for teaching the Hawaiian meal & Lilly for the dorayaki lesson.

We've had Irish in March, Japanese in April, Hawaiian in May, and in June it will be Chinese - Stir Fried Beef with pineapple by Wayne Mizuki.

Supply fee of \$10. Please sign up on the temple bulletin board or email office@wrbt.org

Love to Garden?

If you are interested in helping with weeding, watering, or other tasks in the garden, please contact Mary or office@wrbt.org. Help keep the garden beautiful!



Bon Odori

This year is the 50th Anniversary of the White River Buddhist Temple Bon Odori Festival and will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 4 to 9:30 pm. We will need volunteers so please spread the word that the Sign Up Genius site will be available after June 17th.

Obon Committee: Our first committee chairperson's meeting was held on May 7, 2019.

Dance Practice Dates: July 15, 17, 19, & 23rd from 7-8:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7 pm:

Food Items: We have added an additional food item called the "Obon Dog". The pork or vegetarian hotdog will be offered in three flavors, traditional American, Japanese and spicy (includes wasabi).

Happi Coats: Wayne and Char are working on purchasing Happi coats with the White River logo on it and hope to have them available for our Obon. If interested, contact Char or Wayne. The 50th Anniversary Logo was de-

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50TH
BON ODORI FESTIVAL
JULY 27TH, 2019

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from April 15th through May 12th. Thank you to the many people whose financial donations, as well as their donations of goods, energy, and time help us to conduct services, programs and maintain the temple.

Beginning with this newsletter and subsequent newsletters, the amount of individual donations will not be listed. We will post total donations received by the temple for the time period listed. Individual's name and purpose will continue to be listed. The temple board approved this change for privacy purposes. Donors will receive acknowledgement of their donations, either individually or by year end donation letter. As always, donations will be listed as anonymous upon request.

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

Total Donations Received, April 15th to May 12th - \$32,120

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials

Mrs. Amy Kato	In memory of Masaru Kato
Mrs. Katie Komoto	In memory of Tokuyo Komoto
M/M Shiyoji & Pat Kawabata	In memory of Risako Kawasaki
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	May Shotsuki
M/M Alan & Janis Yamada	In memory of Risako Kawasaki
Mrs. Sharon Natsuhara Ito	In memory of husband, Katsumi Ito
Mrs. Joan Rodgers	In memory of Frank Fujimura and Masaru Kato

General Donations

Ms. Hao Taff	In appreciation
Mrs. Mitzi Yamamoto	49 Day Service for Toshi Yamamoto
Anonymous	In memory of Dwight Kawabata
Anonymous	In appreciation
Akiko Mikami Shimatsu Foundation	Temple Maintenance Fund
Asato Family	Monthly Osaisen
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	Spring Bloom Day Fundraiser

2019 Pledge Totals
April 1 – 30, 2019

Thank you for your support in 2019!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED			DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
May 1, 2019	\$900	\$21,665	35	\$1,200	\$16,485
Name & Amount Not Specified for Publishing					
Amount Not Specified for Publishing Monica Furtick					
Under \$500 Betty Tanaka, Laurie Tanaka					
\$500-\$999					
\$1,000-\$4,999					
<u>For Comparison</u>					
May 2, 2018	\$1,100	\$20,410	31	\$1,055	\$15,525

Buddhist Women's Association
 BWA@wrbt.org

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



Scarf-Making - Annual Community Service – Thank you, ladies! Left to Right: Gayle, Darlene, Judy, Char, Georgette, Eva, Karen, Scarf-Making Chairperson Vivian. Not pictured: Monica. \$100 worth of non-pill fleece was purchased during the great Black Friday sale in November. (We saved \$300.) 174 scarves were made on March 30, 2019. Most of the scarves will be stored then delivered in early November to Auburn Food Bank, Kent Food Bank, Kent HOPE, and Willows Place. 30 scarves are being

saved to fill little gift bags along with toiletries, & a few other items for women at Kent HOPE later in the year. We will use money collected in the change jar in the lobby to purchase a few of these extra items for the gift bags. Throw your loose change in the “Change Jar” in the lobby for this good cause.

Thank you to Eva and all who provided wonderful lunch at Lady Kujo service!

New BWA Member Gretchen Hansen - Here is what Gretchen had to say ...

When our family returned from a year of teaching and living in Yashiro (Hyogo Prefecture) in 1994, I didn't want my youngest son, Kjell, to forget his Japanese language. I enrolled him in the Seattle Japanese Language School on Saturdays. From their board members, Machiko Wada, and Joe Hirayama, I learned that White River Buddhist Temple hosted a summer Dharma School. When Kjell enrolled I met Charlene Grinolds and June Nakano, who coordinated the program. Kjell really enjoyed meeting new kids and making things together. They invited him to fall Dharma classes during temple service. I began assisting Michiko Toyoshima in the fourth grade and later, helping in Sally Mizuki's classes.

I like belonging to a group whose contribution to helping others' daily lives improve is greater than any one individual's possible efforts. The Buddhist Women's Association fulfills this kind of aspiration.

JOY: I love playing with children, planting flowering shrubs and trees as well as vegetables, meditation, visiting the grandchildren's Tae Kwon Do, aikido, violin, cello, piano and dance lessons and performances, and I especially enjoy drawing and painting all of the above!

Green Box Year Round Collections in temple lobby – April, May, June = Non-Perishable Foods & Toiletries since children are not in school during the summer. Thank you for your support!

Newspapers - Thank you for your donations of recycled newspapers that are delivered to Inca's Secret. 30 bags of newspapers were delivered to Inca's Secret in March & April.

Diaper/Change Jar on the lobby table during service days. We are collecting your loose change to purchase diapers and wipes, etc. for those in need. Thank you very much for your donations!

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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 since children are not in school during the summer.

May 16, Thu Fun Fellowship to New Zen Restaurant. Gayle & Darlene co-chairing this event. Carpool, meet at New Zen, or we will pick up at residences for those needing rides.

May 21, Tue, 10:00-noon – Craft & Coffee

June 22, Sat Fun Fellowship to “HONK” at Green River College based on “Ugly Duckling”. Sign-up now or by May 31 + more info on bulletin board. Georgette is chairing this Fun Fellowship.

June 29-30 Fun Fellowship to Yakima – Inaba Farms Tour + Yakima Valley Museum + Yakima Buddhist Church Sunday Service with Rev. Warrick. More info & sign-up sheet on hallway bulletin board or < BWA@wrbt.org >

July 13, Sat Fun Fellowship to Tacoma BWA Field Trip - Purple Haze Lavender Farm, Sequim WA. <https://purplehazelavender.com/> More info to follow when received from Tacoma BWA

August 4, Sun Fun Fellowship – Emerald Downs – Lunch during Horse & Corgi Races. Please sign up if you are interested at all because tables need to be tentatively reserved sooner rather than later. Sign-up on bulletin board. <https://emeralddowns.com/event/corgi-races-2019-08-04/>

Aug 30-Sept 1 WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION, hosted by FBWA, San Francisco, CA.

ABA

Our May men’s cooking class and meeting was held on Monday, May 13th and led by Randy Okimoto and Ilene Grome. We were all treated to a tasty meal of BBQ ribeye steak, Chinese chicken salad and marionberry cobbler. Our next cooking class and meeting will be on Monday, September 9, 2019 and will be led by Rona Warrick and Norma Geenty.

The ABA sponsored picnic is scheduled for after church on Sunday, June 2, 2019. It is a potluck event so please sign up on the back bulletin board. Also, please contact Eva Chun if interested in volunteering to help set up on Sunday morning.



Nineteen people attended the ABA Spring Field Trip to the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum and Japanese Memorial on Tuesday, May 14th. All were treated to a very informative talk from two former Bainbridge evacuees and a tour of the small but photo-filled museum. The short walk past the Japanese memorial wall was especially reflective and thoughtful. Names of Bainbridge Island evacuees inscribed on the wall included several members and former members of the White River Buddhist Temple, including a young Rits Hamamura.

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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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