

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

3625 Auburn Way N., WA 98002

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 855, Auburn, WA 98071-0855

Reverend Jim Warrick, Minister

Temple Office Phone: 253-833-1442

Website: www.wrbt.org

E-mail: office@wrbt.org

E-mail: Rev.Warrick@wrbt.org



Minister's Greetings

Greetings,

From our service book we sing the gatha (Sanskrit term for "song" or "verse"):

Obon, Obon, It's Festival Day

We will gather friends all along the way

And bring fruits and vegetables for the shrine

Like Moggallana many, many years ago.

Moggallana, was a disciple of the Buddha, who during a meditative trance saw his deceased mother suffering in the World of Hungry ghosts, (the Buddhist equivalent of purgatory). Saddened, he went to the Buddha and asked how he could release his mother from her suffering. Buddha instructed him to make offerings to the Buddhist monks who had just completed their summer retreat. The disciple did this and saw his mother's release. He also began to see the true nature of her past unselfishness and the many sacrifices that she had made for him. Moggallana, happy because of his mother's release and grateful for his mother's kindness, danced with joy.

The gatha continues:

All our humble thanks

We will here convey

To our dearly loved ones who lived in the past

With Nembutsu upon our lips

Obon season is a time to express our gratitude to loved ones who have passed on before us. Without them, we would not be who we are today. We would not be where we are and we would not be able to do the things we do to enjoy life

The gatha continues:

Oh the streets are lined with our lanterns gay

And the wind-bells twinkling atop the trees

Swaying to and fro to and fro in the breeze

Obon, Obon, It's Festival Day

Come join us on July 27, 2019 as generations upon generations have done in the past as we gather together and dance the traditional Bon dances or Bon odori the "Dance of Joy".

Gassho

Reverend James Hozen Warrick



Message from the Chairperson

Sally and I just got back Sunday, June 16 from a Heart Mountain, Topaz, Yellow stone, Mt. Rushmore Tour. Again, visiting two concentration camps, I have never been to, was amazing. Topaz has a fantastic museum and we heard stories of Goro Suzuki, aka Jack Soo, who was interned at Topaz. Heart Mountain was where I gained more information on the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion part of the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team. My father was a member of this Unit but I never found much information on the unit until I met the original Director of Heart

Continued on Page 2....

President’s Message continued from Page 1

Mountain who came to Minidoka to show a just completed DVD about Heart Mountain which had a segment about the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion. Talking to people on the tour who were at Topaz and Heart Mountain brought back memories of my parents and grandparents who were at Minidoka. I feel as Sansei and Yonsei’s, it is our duty to never forget. This made me think about my Buddhist teachings about kindness and compassion and what the results of are. Enough of the soap box.

The rest of the tour was fantastic, visiting the Oregon Trail Museum, Yellowstone, Devil’s Tower, the Little Big Horn, Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse. At Little Big Horn we missed the Park Ranger guide, so our tour director hired a Sioux Guide who gave us the Native American perspective on the battle.

White River was fortunate to get Reverend Warrick as our resident minister and of course Rona. He may not be a Kaikyoshi minister, but he is our minister. I would like to thank him for progressive thinking such as White River’s first Sunrise Meditation. Keep up the great work, Sensei.

Wayne Mizuki

P.S. Remember to join us on July 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!

Obon Service Notice

In this month's newsletter you will find an invitation for our Obon/Hatsubon service, being held on Sunday, July 21st at 10:30 am. This is a special service to reflect upon the dedicated lives of our departed ones who made our present lives possible. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

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

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

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

Tsuruichi Komoto	1974	Tokio Toyoshima	2005
Minoru Terada	1979	Nancy Mikami	2005
Kiyomi Mizoguchi	1980	Noriko Tanabe	2005
Mike Arima	1987	Yooko Watanabe	2010
Isamu Suyematsu	1989	Stanley Doi	2010
Yoneko Terayama	1990	Sayoko Kawasaki	2011
George Takeshi Watanabe	1991	Kazuko Watanabe	2013
Misue Komatsu	1995	Hiroshi Nakai	2014
Mitzi Mitsuko Ibuki	1998	Ben Yamada	2015
George Tonojo Kawasaki	2002		

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, July 6: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Saturday, July 20: 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, July 14th**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org.

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

Timeless Favorites Cooking Class

We had another great cooking session thanks to Sophie Lo assisted by Wayne & Sally Mizuki as instructor for the Chinese dish. We'll rest for the summer & resume on Saturday, October 5. We'll have a Swiss meal taught by Virginia Wessen.

We've had quite a variety from different countries to satisfy our palates.

Many thanks to all who have taught the classes as well as all the participants. It is such pleasure to share in the delicious food we have had and to truly enjoy the comraderie(sp) of friends. Thank you all.

Bon Odori Saturday, July 27th 4:00—9:30 pm

Okinawa Kenjin-Kai Taiko Group at 4:00 PM
Booths and Beer Garden Open at 4:00 PM
Children's Lantern Parade at 5:00 PM
Obon Service at 5:30 PM
Welcome Ceremonies at 6:00 PM
Odori Dancing Starts at 6:15 PM
Seattle Matsuri Taiko Performance 7:30 PM

Our 50th White River Bon Odori Festival is only a month away and things seem to be progressing smoothly. However, as usual, we will need some help from volunteers to make the event memorable. So, please contact relatives, friends and acquaintances that might be interested in helping. The Sign Up Genius link for volunteers is bit.ly/2019obonsignup (case sensitive).

Help us support the Auburn Food Bank! During Obon, the temple will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations. You may also bring your donations to Dance Practices.

Dance Practice Dates: July 15, 17, 19, & 23rd from 7:00—8:30 pm.

WHITE RIVER
BUDDHIST TEMPLE



50TH
BON ODORI FESTIVAL
JULY 27TH, 2019

Shin Buddhist Grant

BCA has been experiencing a reduction in the available Jodo Shinshu Ministers nationwide. To assist with this problem, The Northwest District Council (NWDC) which includes White River Buddhist Temple administers the Shin Buddhist Grant to support aspiring Ministers and Minister Assistants financially. The Grant's intent is to help aspiring Ministers seeking Kaikyoshi to serve BCA temples and to support Minister Assistants in the Northwest District to further their education and continue their service to their temples. This includes those seeking Tokudo and Kaikyoshi. The Minister and Minister Assistant candidates must dedicate a great deal of time, effort and dollars to meet their goal. The Grant seeks to reduce the financial burden of the applicants. It has historically been funded by the NWDC, the Northwest BWA and two Northwest District temples.

In recent years, there have been increases in the number of applicants, which has been nearly depleted the available grant fund. As a result, the NWDC is announcing this appeal for donations.

WRBT has received direct benefit from this grant as our Sensei, Rev. Warwick is a past Grant recipient. Other past Grant recipients include: Tacoma Buddhist Temple's Rev. Takashi Miyaji; Rev. Matthew Hamasaki; Rev. Mutsumi Wondra; Rev. Candice Shibata among others.

If you have any questions about this Grant, please contact Norma Geenty at williamgeenty@comcast.net or 253-840-4386.

If you would like to contribute, donations may be sent to Scott Winner, NWDC Treasurer, c/o Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 SE 34th Ave., Portland, OR 97202.

Facilities Committee Report

JR Pewitt has repaired and replaced the front light near the minister's office with an energy efficient LED motion sensitive light. He's also replacing the back lights with similar energy efficient lights. Thank you JR! Additional thanks go to Mary Cogger, Vivian Alexander, Janis Yamada & Randy Okimoto for keeping up our garden and playground areas.

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from May 13th through June 16th. Thank you to the many people whose financial donations, as well as their donations of goods, energy, and time help the temple conduct 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

Total Donations Received - \$4210.00

Gotan-e (Shinran Shonin Birthday) Service

M/M Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai

Mrs. Charlene Grinolds

M/M Randy & Eva Chun

Mrs. Carolyn Yamada

Mrs. Amy Kato

Mrs. Lilly Kato

Mrs. Rosie Kato

M/M Shiyoji & Pat Kawabata

M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki

Mr. Randy Okimoto

Mr. Charles Natsuhara

Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara

Anonymous

Anonymous

M/M James & Ikuko Dodobara

Mrs. Kathleen Taketa-Ozanich

M/M Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani

M/M Robert Akiyama

Mrs. Katie Komoto

M/M Ron & Karen Murakami

Mr. Joe Watanabe

Ms. Darlene Yamada

Mrs. Yoshiko Yamada

M/M William and Norma Geenty

Mrs. Gayle Takemura

M/M James & Chiho Pewitt

M/M James Dodobara

Mr. Kent Nishimura

Memorial Day Cemetery Services

Mrs. Margaret Teramoto

Mrs. Mabel Nishizaki

M/M Allan & Kayoko Terada

M/M Illene & Donald Grome

M/M Ron & Suzuko Terada

Mrs. Lorraine Blackler

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials

Mrs. Lorraine Blackler

Mrs. Yuki Iwai

Mrs. Amy Kato

Mr. John Kitagawa

Mrs. Katie Komoto

Mr. Charles Natsuhara

Ms Kathryn Natsuhara

Mrs. Alice Nishimoto

Mr. Joe Watanabe

Mrs. Charlene Grinolds

Mrs. Rosie Kato

Asato Family

In memory of Yuki Kitagawa

In memory of Shina Iwai

In memory of Naomi Martin

In memory of Yuki Kitagawa

In memory of Jan Ibuki

In memory of Shizuko Natsuhara

In memory of Shizuko Natsuhara

In memory of Shizuka Nishimoto

In memory of Gary Watanabe

In memory of Kitaro Tsuji

In memory of Tokuyo Komoto

In memory of Lillian Asato

Memorials

Mrs. Kelly Enstrom – Funeral Service for father Victor Shinoda

General Donations

Timeless Favorites Cooking Class

Anonymous

Greeter's Program

Recently, White River Buddhist Temple has welcomed several new visitors to our Family Service. While we have the Greeter Program, we encourage all Sangha members to greet any new person who enters our temple and welcome them please. Presently, Judy Gardner and Darlene Yamada have joined Char Grinolds and Bill and Norma Geenty as official greeters. We would like to show everyone the true, friendly nature of WRBT.

After greeting new visitors, please inform one of the official greeters so that they may complete the welcome process. If you have any questions, please contact Norma. Thanks very much.

ABA

The ABA sponsored picnic was held on June 2nd and the good food and sunny weather was enjoyed by all. Now, the ABA will take a summer recess until our next scheduled men's cooking class and meeting on Monday, September 9, 2019. Rona Warrick and Norma Geenty will be chief chefs.

2019 Pledge Totals
May 1 – 31, 2019

Thank you for your support in 2019!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED			DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
June 3, 2019	\$3,300	\$24,965	37	\$3,470	\$19,955
Name & Amount Not Specified for Publishing			Anonymous #13		
Amount Not Specified for Publishing			Katie Komoto		
Under \$500					
\$500-\$999					
\$1,000-\$4,999					
<u>For Comparison</u>					
June 3, 2018	\$2,200	\$22,610	35	\$1,665	\$17,190

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 New Zen Japanese Restaurant – Thank you to Gayle & Darlene for write-up & coordination for this lunch on May 16 where rides were offered from home doorstep to restaurant. Thirteen current and “retired” BWA members and friends gathered at New Zen in Renton. Over lunch, we had an opportunity to visit with new temple members and old friends we haven’t seen in a while, including Betty Tanaka and daughter Laurie. Our next Fun Fellowship home-doorstep-to-restaurant luncheon is planned for fall. More details to follow.

New BWA Member Judy Gardner – Here is what Judy had to say ...

A mother, a wife and a daughter of a father who brought to me a wonderful environment of singing and music.

The path to the Temple was inspired by the Dharma message conveying "Compassion, Gratitude and Community". The message of impermanence and practicing sincerity seemed to speak a truth that I had been searching for.

Tacoma BWA Field Trip in July – cancelled for us because they have a full bus.

Future Dates

July – Sept	YEAR-ROUND Green Box DONATIONS = School Supplies & Baby Supplies.
June 22, Sat	Fun Fellowship to “HONK” at Green River College based on “Ugly Duckling”. Georgette is coordinating.
June 29-30	Fun Fellowship to Yakima – Inaba Farms Tour + Yakima Valley Museum + Yakima Buddhist Church Sunday Service with Rev. Warrick.
August 4, Sun	Fun Fellowship – Emerald Downs – Lunch during Horse & Corgi Races. Please sign up now because tables need to be tentatively reserved June 30. Sign-up on bulletin board. https://emeralddowns.com/event/corgi-races-2019-08-04/
August	Fun Fellowship to Snoqualmie Falls if weather is good. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board.
Aug 30-Sept 1	WORLD BUDDHIST WOMEN'S CONVENTION, hosted by FBWA, San Francisco, CA.

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!

Views expressed in articles by individuals do not necessarily represent the views of, and should not be attributed to the Temple or Sangha members

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.

Temple office

office@wrbt.org
(253) 833-1442

Rev Warrick

Rev.Warrick@wrbt.org

Mailing Address: White River Buddhist Temple
PO Box 855
Auburn, WA 98071 - 0855

White River Buddhist Temple
PO Box 855
Auburn, WA 98071-0855