

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Minister's Greetings

This month we celebrate O-higan. Higan is an abbreviation of "To-Higan" which literally meaning "to reach the other shore." In Buddhism, the world of suffering is referred to as "this shore" and the world of Enlightenment is called "other shore." In order to reach the other shore, we do not have to wait for our lives to end. We can all reach the other shore right now by hearing and entrusting in the Buddha's vows and allowing Buddha's energy to fill our hearts and minds with wisdom and compassion.

During our meditation session each Sunday morning here at the Temple we often recite the six paramitas (perfections). We recite them in this way:

1. Dana (generosity) May I be generous and helpful!
2. Sila (Discipline) May I be pure and virtuous!
3. Ksanti (Patience) May I be patient; May I be able to bear and forbear the wrongs of others!
4. Virya (Exertion) May I be strenuous, energetic, and persevering!
5. Dhyana (Meditation) May I practice meditation and attain concentration and oneness to serve all beings!
6. Prajna (Wisdom) May I gain wisdom and be able to give the benefit of my wisdom to others!

"We should focus our attention on greater striving to follow these Six Paramita so that we may cross from this shore; this Saha world of delusion to the land of Eternal Enlightenment not just for ourselves but for others."

These Six Paramita teach us the essential Buddhistic way of life which every Buddhist should follow every day. Applying the Six Paramita in our daily lives is the Shinshu way of expressing our gratitude and thanksgiving for our unconditional salvation.

They are said to be like the stone on which we sharpen the blade of our lives so that we may better cut through the illusions of suffering and lead countless others to the Pure Land of Happiness.

The observance of Ohigan gives us an opportunity to gather and express our gratitude to the Buddha for teaching us the way.

NAMO AMIDA BUTSU

Rev. James Hozen Warrick



Message from the Chairperson

August seems to be a busy month this year. We have a protocol service rehearsal August 20th for the Gomonsu's visit on September 3rd.

We ordered White River Happi coats and they have sold well. We intend to sell the remaining Large and X-Large at the bazaar and we will decide whether to re-order them after the bazaar.

My term as President and board member is coming to an end and I start to reflect back on my last two years. I soon will pass the task on to a new President. I was terrified when elected as President not knowing if I could lead the temple. With the support of a strong board and membership I survived. I am disappointed that we still have such a difficult time finding people to run for the Temple Board. We are at a critical time in the temple's existence and we have important decision that need to be made. The BCA is placing more pressure on the temples for request

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for money, this is frustrating many BCA temples. We need a strong Temple Board to keep us moving into the future and voicing our opinions at the National Council meetings.

Wayne Mizuki

P.S. Remember to join us on September 8th 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!

Condolences

On behalf of the White River Buddhist Temple Sangha, we would like to extend our condolences to the families of of the following Temple members.

Doris Sagara passed away on July 23rd at the age of 97 years and Yae Mikami passed away on July 16th at the age of 94 years. We will always remember their friendship and contributions to our Temple.

**September Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
September 8, 2019 at 10:30 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of September. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, September 8th at 10:30 am. If any names have inadvertently been omitted, please email office@wrbt.org to correct our records.

Yae Okimoto	1972	May Fumie Kajikami	2003
Rikuye Kawasaki	1975	Janis Tsuneko Ikuta	2005
Charley Miyoshi	1983	Takejiro Hama	2009
Matsuo Sakagami	1988	Edward Tanaka	2013
Jackie Kawasaki Wills	1991	Lloyd Herndon	2014
Edwin Arima	1997	Nancy Tomiye Fujikawa	2015
Joe Toshio Nishimoto	2001	John H Hamakami Sr	2017
Jack Schilthroat	2002	Helen H Mizuki	2017

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

Special Guest Speaker: Rev. Diane Dunn

September 21st (3:00—5:00 pm): Dharma Talk

September 22nd (10:30 am): O-Higan Family Service Guest Speaker

Join us as we welcome Rev. Diane Dunn, resident minister at Myoko-in Temple in Deer Island, Oregon. Rev. Diane Dunn is a long time friend of Rev. Warrick and they were ordained together in 2003. Rev. Dunn was instrumental in putting the Collected Works of Shinran on line. Rev. Dunn will share her successes and challenges in establishing Jodo Shinshu sanghas in Alaska and Oregon.

Rev. Dunn will also be our guest speaker for our O-Higan service. Since pets are regarded as family members, it is normal to grieve for them as such. White River Buddhist Temple is holding its annual Pet Memorial service along with our O-Higan Service on Sept 22, 2019. Those Sangha members who wish to participate may bring a picture of your departed pet. The pictures along with a name card will be displayed in the Hondo during service.

Meditation Sessions

Saturday, September 14: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saturday, September 28: 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

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 Emerald Downs – Left table, clockwise from far left – Melissa, Mrs. Rona Warrick, Kiyomi, Georgette, Joseph. Standing – Ron. Right table, clockwise from left front corner – Janis, Karen, Darlene, Katie. Not pictured, Rev. Warrick and Photographer Pat.
 Our Fun Fellowship for Corgi Race Day at Emerald Downs began right after Sunday service on August 4. We could see the horses and corgis race by as we dined and visited enjoying good company. Some ventured over to Emerald Queen in Fife after.

Thank you to Reverend Warrick for suggesting we join him and Rona to see Theatre Battery’s “Kiki’s Delivery Service” at Kent Station!

Seattle BWA has invited White River & Tacoma BWAs to join them on Wednesday, Sept 11, on an outing to Seiki Japanese Garden Tour and Muckleshoot Lunch, plus Casino or Outlet Shopping on Coach Bus. Deadline to sign up = Sun, Sept 1. Check needs to be written to “SBBWA” and given to Karen by Sept 1 deadline. Sign-up sheet will be on our Fun Fellowship bulletin board.

\$35 Whole outing (garden, lunch, and Coach Bus from Seattle Betsuin Temple), 8:45-3:00

\$20 10:00 Garden Tour & lunch only (no coach bus transportation, but maybe we could carpool from our WRBT)

Our Fun Fellowship to Ilani Casino in southern Washington, closer to Portland, will be later in the month on Mon, Sept 23, where we are inviting other chapters, also. We can have twice the fun in September!

Let’s live our best lives!

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

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

Sept 11, Wed Seattle BWA outing to Seiki Japanese Garden Tour & Muckleshoot lunch. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board. Check written to “SBBWA” & sign-up deadline = Sun, Sept 1.

Sept 17, Tues Craft & Coffee

Sept 23, Mon Fun Fellowship to Ilani Casino Resort <https://ilaniresort.com/> to the south in Ridgefield, Washington, inviting other NWD BWA chapters to join us for lunch if they’d like. Sign-up sheet and more info on Fun Fellowship bulletin board. Watch the bulletin board for more details after Karen hears back from the restaurant ... Deadline to sign up = Sun, Sept 15.

Green Box Year Round Collections in temple lobby – July, August, September = School Supplies & Baby Supplies. July = 43 pounds! Thank you for your support!

Newspapers - Thank you for your donations of recycled newspapers that are delivered to Inca's Secret.

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!

ABA Report for August Newsletter

The ABA is in summer recess. Our next scheduled men's cooking class and meeting is Monday, September 9, 2019. Rona Warrick will be chief chef. A fall field trip is probable, with Kubota Gardens being discussed as the destination.

Dharma School

We are looking into restarting Dharma school this year, but we need teachers to make this happen! If you are interested in being one of our teachers, please talk to Ruth Terry in person, or via this email- ruthterry@gmail.com. We are hoping for members who are willing to teach 2 to 3 classes for this school year, with classes happening about once a month. Extensive knowledge of Buddhism NOT a requirement. The plan is for a casual environment for preschool and younger school age children. Let's have some fun!

Fundraising Committee

At the August 14th meeting, the Board approved the Fundraising Committee's recommendation to hold the Spring Bloom Day in 2020. This event will be centered around the Plant Sale. Other activities will be developed and announced by the event Planning Committee. Anyone who is interested in participating in the planning or chairing a sub-committee or has any questions, should contact Norma Geenty at williamgeenty@comcast.net or 253-840-4386.

Obon Committee:

Our 50th White River Buddhist Temple Bon Odori Festival was a resounding success. The weather was perfect and we sold out at most of our food booths. Happi coats also sold well, but we still have many more available for sale. Contact Wayne for more information. Everything seemed to go smoothly and we had enough volunteers to allow everyone time to enjoy the event. We also did well in the fundraising department. Our gross sales were about \$25,000 which exceeded last year by \$5,000. Thank you all for your hard work in making this year's 50th White River Buddhist Temple Bon Odori a memorable one!!!

WANTED WANTED WANTED

CANDIDATES FOR THE TEMPLE BOARD!!! YOUR SERVICE AND IDEAS ARE NEEDED TO HELP OUR TEMPLE GROW!! Job duties include caring about WRBT, attending Board meetings once a month on the 2nd Wednesday nights for 3 years and voting on important temple issues. Requirements for consideration: a pledge member of WRBT. Please see Norma Geenty at williamgeenty@comcast.net or 253-840-4386 if you are interested in serving or have any questions.

Facilities Committee Report:

A painting party will be held during the last week of August to finish painting the bathroom exterior. Volunteers are wanted. Bob Akiyama and his granddaughter, Alana repaired the garbage disposal in the kitchen. Thank you Bob and Alana!

Newsletter Reminder

October newsletter articles are due **Sunday, September 15th**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org.

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

2019 Pledge Totals July 1 – 31, 2019

Thank you for your support in 2019!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
August 3, 2019	\$1,550	\$26,515	40	\$2,070	\$23,715

Name and Amount Not Specified for Publishing: Anonymous #16

Amount Not Specified for Publishing: Yoshiko Yamada Darlene Yamada

Under \$500:

\$500- \$999:

\$1,000- \$4,999:

For Comparison

August 3, 2018	\$200	\$24,525	39	\$365	\$19,765
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Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from July 15th through August 19th. 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.

Total Donations Received - \$4479.94

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials

M/M Jim & Ikuko Dodobara	In memory of Mrs. Oshie Kiyota
M/M Bill & Norma Geenty	In memory of Suwako and Shiro Murashige
Mrs. Katie Komoto	In memory of James Komoto
Mrs. Alice Nishimoto	In memory of Morito Nishimoto
Mr. Kent Nishimura	In memory of George Uchida and Susumu Hayashi
Ms Miyuki Peterson	In memory of George Uchida
Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	In memory of Tomi Tsuji
Mrs. Betty Tanaka	In memory of Tsuki Tanaka
Ms. Laurie Tanaka	In memory of Tsuki Tanaka
Ms. Karen Yamada	In memory of Ben Yamada
Georgette Magnin, Guy Ding	In memory of Alice Arita
Hime Suyematsu & Family	In memory of Ish Suyematsu, & Risako Kawasaki

Obon Service

M/M Bob & Mitzie Akiyama	M/M Ron & Karen Murakami
M/M James & Ikuko Dodobara	Mr. Charles Natsuhara
M/M Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	Ms Kathryn Natsuhara
M/M Bill & Norma Geenty	Mrs. Alice Nishimoto
Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	Ms. Miyuki Peterson
Mrs. Yuki Iwai	Mrs. Joan Rodgers
Mrs. Amy Kato	M/M Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani
Mrs. Lilly Kato	Mrs. Gayle Takemura
Mrs. Rosie Kato	Mrs. Tomeko Lloyd Taketa
M/M Shiyoji & Pat Kawabata	Ms Darlene Yamada
Mrs. Katie Komoto	Mrs. Yoshiko Yamada
M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki	Mrs. Carolyn Yamada
Mr. Randy Okimoto	

Mrs. Lorraine Blackler	In memory of Hiroto & Kiyomi Mizoguchi
Asato Family	In memory of Lillian Asato

Hatsubon

Mrs. Setsuko Hamamoto	In memory of Masaru Hamamoto
Ms. Lori Hamamoto	In memory of Masaru Hamamoto
M/M Don & Kiyo Maekawa	In memory of Kiyono Maekawa
M/M Yick & Nina Chin	In memory of Kiyono Maekawa
Mrs. Sanaye Maekawa	In memory of Kiyono Maekawa
Mrs. Mitzi Yamamoto	In memory of Toshi Yamamoto

Bon Odori

Alton & Lynette Miyamoto	Ron Hamakawa
NWYBL Retreat	Dennis Yamashita
Mary Cogger	Luanne Nishi Wong
Ida Sasaki	Jackie Scheid
Peggy Papoza	Karen Yamada

General Donations [includes annual memorials not specifically part of August Shotsuki]

Mr. Byron Yamamoto	Funeral for June Fusako Yamamoto
PNWH Vintage Racing Charities	In Appreciation - Kitchen Use
Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	BCA Dana Program
Mr. Greg Watson	2 – 1.5L bottles of sake for Bon Odori beer garden
Mrs. Nobuko Lemay	In memory of Doris Sagara
Kroger Rewards Program	

Update your Contact Information!

We want you to have the latest information about what's going on at the Temple! If you have recently moved or believe that we may not have your current contact information, including email and phone number, please contact the Temple (our contact information is on the following page). Thanks!

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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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