

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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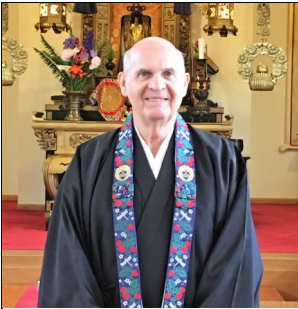
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Minister's Greetings

Fall is in full bloom here in the Pacific Northwest. The leaves have mostly all changed color and are beginning to or have fallen by now. Fall is the “cooling off” period between the not so hot days of summer here and the not too cold days of winter. This time of year, is usually identified with the harvest season. A time when the bounty of nature is gathered to sustain beings through the long cold winter ahead.

About 400 years ago at a place that is now called Plymouth Massachusetts ninety indigenous people gathered with 53 English settlers to celebrate their first harvest in what they called the New World.

From this humble beginning and countless causes and conditions, sprang America's most spiritual and widely celebrated holiday, second only to Christmas. Thanksgiving Day was established as an annual national holiday by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

Thanksgiving is about, well, giving thanks. Thanksgiving is about family, and community, about gathering, slowing down, about coming together. Families from across the U.S. will be gathering around the dinner table on the last Thursday in November to eat turkey, watch football, and count their blessings.

Thanksgiving is the greatest example of what a great dinner should be: a meal that welcomes people of all religious, political or ethnic persuasions. The table is the great equalizer, and everyone around that table mostly gets along with one another and enjoys life with family and strangers alike.

People will be gathering and giving thanks for everything that nourishes our body and meets its needs, such as: Food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, yard, fields, cattle, money, possessions, a devout spouse, devout children, devout employees, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors and other things like these.

The phrase “and other things like these” means anything not on the above list. Which means everything physical or material is contained. They are not just giving thanks for physical things; thanks, is being given for all the physical, spiritual and material needs of life.

As we Jodo Shinshu Buddhists prepare to share this year's Thanksgiving meal together with our families and friends, let us remind ourselves that even so mundane a thing as a simple meal, the plate of food before you, is itself a manifestation of great compassion and benevolence. It is a gift of life that has arisen from the measureless causes and conditions which have created this present moment. Lives sacrificed and compassionate work given to us to enable us to continue our living and our work. May we share the benefit we receive from this food with all beings. And as we partake of this wonderful food, let us remember the Measureless Compassion we call Amida Buddha, which surrounds, sustains, and embraces all beings, with Infinite Love.

Gassho

Rev. James Hozen Warrick

Special Service - Eitaikyo

In this month's newsletter you will find an invitation for our Eitaikyo service, being held on Sunday, November 17th. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

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



Message from the Chairperson

We finally have four candidates for the 2020 Temple Board. We are disappointed it took this long to get four people to run for the board.

As my term comes to an end, I would like to thank the current board and Sangha for their support in moving the Temple forward. I would also thank Reverend Warrick for his spiritual guidance and his friendship. White River has been blessed to see so many new faces at Sunday Services. Thank you to the Temple Greeters have made these new faces feel so welcomed when they arrive.

I would like to end my message with all my prayers and well wishes go to my good friend, Norma Geenty. She is a stronger person than I am.

Wayne Mizuki

P.S. Remember to join us on November 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!

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

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

Sengoro Miyoshi	1970	Chiyeko Nishimura	2003
Kenzo Arita	1972	Shizuko Arima	2008
Masaye Nakai	1976	Helen Nishimoto	2008
Jitsu Nakayama	1976	Koko Sutow	2009
Genichi Nakagawa	1978	Mae Yamada	2010
Hiroshi Nakayama	1983	Kimiko Taniguchi	2012
Yoneko Fujiye	1989	Doug Yamada	2015
Linda Tsugiye Nishimura	1991	Harry Taketa	2015
Charles Franklin Moss	1993	Natalie Nguyen	2017
George Masakatsu Iida	1994	Tomio Hamasaki	2017
George Tadamichi Kanda	1994	Masaru Hamamoto	2018
James Masayuki Onchi	1998	Kiyono Maekawa	2018
Hatsue Okimoto	2000		

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

MEDICARE UPDATE BY CHO SHIMIZU

Tuesday, November 5 at 10:00am

How will Medicare affect you? Cho Shimizu from SHIBA (Statewide Health Insurance Benefit Advisors) will explain Medicare changes. Preventative services, durable medical equipment, and drug issues, along with Medicare changes to health insurance, will be discussed as part of this workshop. Those with questions about prescription drugs should bring a list of drugs taken. Q&A time follows, so bring your questions to the class! Class is free; pre-registration appreciated at office@wrbt.org.

TIMELESS FAVORITES

Many, many thanks to Judy Gardener and her friend, Virginia Wyssen for the delicious Swiss dinner they taught us. Also, thank you Virginia for sharing the many Swiss items for us to see. A special thank you to Annaliese for entertaining us with her singing, yodeling, and blowing the Alpine horn.

On Saturday, November 2nd at 10:00 AM, we'll go to another country. Carolyn Schwab will give us a lesson in Russian cooking. The menu is potato pancakes, tangy broccoli, brats, and Russian Tea Cakes. Please sign up at the temple, office@wrbt.org, or by email to Eva Chun or Lilly Kato. Supply fee of \$10 per person.

Multifaith Celebration of Harmony – The Music of Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 24, 2019

2 – 4 pm

Join us and experience our shared value of Gratitude with the diversity of Eastern and Western faith traditions through the rich forms of songs, chants, instrumentals, and movement to warm our hearts with hope as we enter the Holiday Season in Community. Seven faith traditions will join us as White River Buddhist Temple hosts this special event! This is a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with each other. A cookie and tea reception follows the program.



Any questions, please contact office@wrbt.org.

Meditation Sessions

Saturday, November 2: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saturday, November 23: 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). All are welcome to attend.

Questions? office@wrbt.org

KentHOPE Day Center

Kent WA

There is an average of thirty women a day utilizing the services at KentHOPE Day Center. It costs \$1,409 per month for one woman to go through the KentHOPE program. 87% of women who actively participate in the program find housing. In the month of September, the Day Center, served an average of 34 homeless women per day and provided staffing for overnight shelter in local churches. We, at WRBT, are currently gathering donations and will provide a gift bag for each of the women. Please bring in any toiletries, small umbrellas, individually wrapped snacks (cheese and crackers, snack box raisins, snack size trail mix, individual size juice boxes and granola bars) to place in the gift bags. KentHOPE is in need of the following donations: toilet paper, paper plates, paper towels, paper bowls, 12 oz. size hot cups, bottles of bleach, disposable razors and deodorant. Please place donations in the box marked KentHOPE. For more information please check the Community bulletin board.

Planning Committee

Well it's been almost four years since our Sangha made the bold decision to put our natural propensity for conservatism and caution aside and try to actively grow WRBT. Not just grow in the number of dues-paying members, but in our reach into the community to share the Shin Buddhist tenets of Gratitude and Compassion.

Your Board created the Planning Committee (which I have had the pleasure of chairing) to develop programs to try some different approaches to achieve this goal.

We'd (the Planning Committee) would like to invite you to our General Membership meeting on November xx after the Family Service to review what we've done, what worked and what didn't, and where we propose to go from here. Note that while any votes to be taken at this meeting are limited to Members, this discussion is open to everyone involved in WRBT.

See you there - Roger Fukai

Newsletter Reminder

November newsletter articles are due **Wednesday, November 13th**. 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 Lunch at Ilani Rose & Thorn Restaurant, Ridgefield, WA
Oregon & White River BWA – 2019 September 23

Back rows, left to right: Karen Murakami, Judy Hittle, Darlene Yamada, Pat Hokama, Charlene Grinolds, Stan Shiigi, June Shiigi.

Front row, left to right: Nancy Kajitsu, Katie Tamiyasu, Janis Yamada, Rev. Jim Warrick, Mrs. Rona Warrick.



Description below by Darlene.

Our Fun Fellowship trip to Ilani (ay-LAN-ay) Casino on Monday, September 23, was a blast. Six people carpoled the 2-hour drive south in beautiful sunny weather to Ridgefield, Washington, which is roughly 25 miles north of Portland, Oregon. We had a little time to relax and explore before meeting at 11:30 with BWA members and family from Oregon Buddhist Temple. A total of 12 gathered at the Rose & Thorn, described as a modern Mediterranean restaurant. The most photographed item at the table was their signature dense chocolate cake layered with “marshmallow, Butterfinger ganache, peanut butter mousse and dark chocolate brownie smothered in golden caramel.” The cake is called The Brick, and it serves 1-10 people but Karen Murakami managed to slice the cake into 12 pieces. After two hours of wonderful food and conversation, we said our good-byes with talk of meeting up again (perhaps at Portland’s Obon next year). We had another 45 minutes of free time before we had to head up north and deal with the rush hour traffic. Thankfully, with Charlene Grinold’s driving skills, we were able to make good time and were back at the temple in no time.

RSVP for No-Host Dinner – Rev. Anne Spencer will be sharing at a Special Dharma Time “**Are You a Buddhist?**” on Sat, Oct 26. There will be an optional no-host dinner for any interested following at Golden Dynasty restaurant immediately following Saturday’s Dharma Talk. **Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet on kitchen hallway bulletin board or to Darlene by October 16, dzy2012@yahoo.com** or call 206-276-5168, to attend the dinner.

Please Volunteer to help – We’ve invited Rev. Anne Spencer as our BWA Eshinni-Kakushinni guest speaker for Sunday, October 27. BWA will host a potluck lunch, chaired by Georgette, following Sunday service. Please sign up to help on the kitchen hallway bulletin board or e-mail Georgette, oz.georgette@gmail.com.

Gift Card Fundraiser – Gift card order forms will be available in November. Pay regular price for gift cards for others as well as for your own use for groceries & gas. Order by Nov 24. Order forms will be on lobby table or contact Karen BWA@wrbt.org

Fascinating Artwork! I was looking up information on The Secret Garden Tea Room & Gift Shop and stumbled across this! Look on the main home page, bottom left. <http://sgtea.com/> Scroll down in that little section at the bottom of the left-most column till you see the face made of blue tulle. Click on the arrow over the face made of blue tulle to play the clip about this type artwork! (Click on the speaker to turn the volume on.) Amazing! It’s a little pricey, but if you’re interested in visiting The Secret Garden Tea Room for tea, contact Karen as this was suggested as a Fun Fellowship at one of our meetings.

Update from our September Craft Time, A group of BWA members stuffed and stitched about 60 violet hearts for our Buddhist Cultural Tree. A few of the BWA members will decorate the tree, wrapped with Bodhi leaf lights, hung with the violet hearts of compassion, and with white crocheted snowflakes of adversity, at the White River Valley Museum Exhibit on November 15 at 10:00 AM. The Festival of Trees, a Celebration of Community and Culture, will be on display from November 20, 2019 until January 5, 2020.

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

Oct 29, Tues, 10:00-12:00 Craft & Coffee – Join Georgette to create a hand-sewn pouch (2.5” x 4”). Fabric, thread, & instructions provided. Feel free to bring your own fabric 9” x 7”. Please bring if you have your own scissors, pins and hand-sewing needles. Or borrow from Georgette for the morning. Great for gift pouches, purse organizers. Or bring your own craft to work on. See Georgette at service or e-mail oz.georgette@gmail.com for questions.

BWA News Continued

Dec 8, Sun – BWA membership meeting – following Sunday service. Election of officers. Please let Karen know if you are interested in serving in an area of your interest. Bring thoughts about what brings you joy and ideas for what you'd like to do for Fun Fellowship next year. Door prizes.

Green Box Year Round Collections in temple lobby – October, November, December = Games, Books, Toys, Clothing. September = 35 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

The entire Sangha is busy planning for the Bazaar so there will be no ABA men's cooking class and meeting in October. Our next class and meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2019. Maydell Crane will be the instructor. The election of Officers for 2020 and possible locations for a spring fieldtrip will be on the ABA meeting agenda. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Facilities Committee

Justin Tannahill has completed the two needed maintenance projects that received Board approval at the September Board meeting. This includes cutting down three birch tree trunks in the Northeast corner of the asphalt parking lot that were creating a potential safety problem. Justin also filled in the ditch-type area in the Northwest corner of the grass parking area located behind the backstop. Thank you, Justin!!! We will miss you!

The Facilities committee has finished replacing the two BBQ barrels used for the chicken BBQ.



Bazaar 2019

Our bazaar is over for another year!! It was a success thanks to all of your hard work and help. Thank you to all of our friends and family who came out to support and help us put on this wonderful event as it couldn't have been done with all of them.

To all committee chairs don't forget we will have our wrap up meeting on Tuesday October 29 at 7 PM.

Our deepest appreciation to all!



Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from September 16th through October 14th. 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 - \$2115

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials

M/M Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	In memory of Mitsuko Hamakami
M/M Robert & Karen Nishimoto	In memory of Mitsuko Hamakami
Mr. Kenneth Kamei	In memory of Kiku Kumasaka
Mrs Lilly Kato	In memory of Kenichi & Urano Kato
Mrs Lilly Kato	In memory of Tad Kato
Mrs Rosie Kato	In memory of Mother
Mrs. Amy Kato	In memory of Kenichi, Urano, and Tad Kato
Mr Charles Natsuhara	In memory of Sen Natsuhara & Haruko Natsuhara
Ms Kathryn Natsuhara	In memory of Sen Natsuhara & Haruko Natsuhara
Mr. Kent Nishimura & Family	In memory of Fumiko Nishimura
Mrs. Michiko Toyoshima	In memory of Shigeru Toyoshima
Mr Randy Okimoto	In memory of Shigeru Toyoshima
Mr. Paul Hopp	In memory of Mieko Igari
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	In memory of James Komoto

Pet Memorial Service

Ms. LuAnn Kato	In memory of Zoe
Mrs. Amy Kato	In memory of Pepper
Mrs. Connie Toda	In memory of Twinky & Sniffles
M/M Bill and Norma Geenty	In memory of Pebbles, Shirley, & Roger
Ms. Darlene Yamada	In memory of Mali & Co.
Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	Pet Memorial

General Donations

Mrs Yuki Iwai	Ohigan
Ms. Betty Hirano	In Memory of Yaeko Mikami
Mrs. Katie Komoto	In appreciation Gomonshu visit
Kiwanis Club – Charlotte Gollnick	In appreciation – Temple use
Mrs. Gretchen Hansen	In Gratitude
Mrs. Carolyn Schwab	In appreciation
Oguri Family	Funeral for Yuriko Arima Oguri

Pledge Reminder

This is just a reminder that 2019 pledges should be submitted by the end of October so we can get an accurate count for the BCA. Currently, we pay \$146 to BCA and \$10 to NW District per member. Therefore, we recommend that the Temple pledges exceed that amount. Approximately 30% of our yearly revenues come from pledges.

**2019 Pledge Totals
September 1 – 30, 2019**

Thank you for your support in 2019!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
September 30, 2019	\$3,350	\$29,865	46	\$4,100	\$27,935
Name and Amount Not Specified for Publishing: Anonymous #19 Anonymous #20					
Amount Not Specified for Publishing: Charles Natsuhara					
Under \$500: Anonymous #17 Anonymous #18 Patricia Cosgrove					
\$500- \$999:					
\$1,000- \$4,999:					
<u>For Comparison</u>					
October 1, 2018	\$200	\$26,425	45	\$1,045	\$22,665

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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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