

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Minister's Greetings

Greetings,

In a popular 1950s song we hear the words:

What a difference a day made
Twenty-four little hours
Brought the sun and the flowers
Where there used to be rain

Most of us can't comprehend how many unbelievable things happen in just 24 short hours. For some living things this is a whole lifetime, and we don't even notice they're there. Many, many things happen, below are a few:

Each day, 365,000 new human beings arrive on our planet.

Around 18 million people will celebrate their birthday.

The world's chickens will lay 190 million eggs.

Our bodies will lose and reproduce up to 50 trillion cells.

A mayfly will live out its entire life.

On average, each one of us will laugh 15 times.

This year, the year of the Rat we get an extra day added to our lives. The year 2020 is a leap year. A leap year is a year in which an extra day is added to the Gregorian calendar, which is used by most of the world. While an ordinary year has 365 days, a leap year has 366 days. The extra day, February 29, is added to the month of February.

The Buddha spoke metaphorically of a great tree that grows one hundred yards in a single day for a hundred years. People hearing of this tree surely doubt it can grow this much in a single day. A person hearing that Sakyamuni Buddha brought a man to realization of arhatship with but one sermon, or brought another to insight into the nonorigination of all existence in a short time before breakfast, will take this as words as not being factual. Hearing the above, one will surely not believe it. Extraordinary words do not find entrance into the ears of the ordinary; they think it cannot be so. For us who have "ears of the ordinary", we can be brought to true entrusting "shinjin", in a single thought moment, resulting in birth in the Pure Land, through the vast power of great compassion and all-embracing wisdom, that is Amida Buddha.

My New Year wish is that you find Peace, Happiness, Joy and well-being every day during this New Year and all the years to come. And may you laugh and smile at least 5490 times (366 X 15). Okay that's one!

A New Year is like a blank book, and the pen is in our hands. As it is with every day of our lives. It is your chance to write a beautiful story for yourself. Happy New Year.

Gassho

Rev. James Hozen Warrick





Message from the Chairperson

For those that don't know me, my name is Randolph Edward Okimoto, and my ties with the White River Buddhist Temple span three generations. My grandparents were members, my parents were members and I have been a member my entire life. This is my fourth term on the Board and have previously been Board Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Vice President, so I guess you can say I've finally been promoted. I currently serve as Facilities Committee Chairman and Pledge Chairman, but most know me as the Obon Chairman. I look forward to serving as Board President for one of the most proactive, innovative and creative Temples in the BCA.

Randy Okimoto

P.S. Remember to join us on January 5th 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!



Message from the Past President

I would like to start my final message with thanking everyone for the support during my two year term as temple president. I especially like to thank Sharon Kosai and Charlene Grinolds for all of their help guiding me through these two years. Charles Natsuhara, thank you for being my sounding board when I had doubts about leading the temple in the correct direction.

I am extremely proud to see our yonsei members serving on our board, Valaerie Yamanaka, Tessa Asato, Kendall Kosai and Kelsey Asato (two terms).

The BCA is placing more pressure on the temples for request 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 NW District Council and National Council meetings

I would like to wish the Sangha a Happy Holidays.

Wayne Mizuki

**January Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
January 5, 2020 at 10:30 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of January. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, January 5th at 10:30 am. If any names have inadvertently been omitted, please email office@wrbt.org to correct our records.

Tase Sagara	1973	Sunao Iwai	2001
Jintaro Nakayama	1973	Masako Shimomura	2004
Harry Nakagawa	1977	Sachiko Nakayama	2005
Hajime Nakai	1977	Takio Hank Nishimoto	2006
Jack Kaoru Arima	1979	Yoshi Porky Nishimoto	2007
George Satoru Miyaki	1980	Shizuko Higuchi	2007
Ura Toyoshima	1983	Masami Iida	2008
Masao Tsuji	1987	George S. Ikuta	2008
Yoshito Tanaka	1991	Dorene Nakayama	2010
Minoru Koga	1992	Katherine Dodobara	2010
Yoshiko Mary Matsuyama	1994	Duane Hamamura	2011
Mary Yukie Hiranaka	1996	Frank Okimoto	2011
Chie Onchi	1996	Roy Hajime Taketa	2012
Shizumi Fujimura	1998	Hiroshi Takashima	2014
Akiko Shimatsu	2001	George Tsunoru Komoto	2016
Masao Tom Sutow	2001	Frank Tokio Komoto	2018

1 year ~ 2019	3 year ~ 2018	7 year ~ 2014	13 year ~ 2008
17 year ~ 2004	25 year ~ 1996	33 year ~ 1988	50 year ~ 1971

DESIGNATED MEMORIAL SERVICE YEARS To schedule a family memorial service, please contact office@wrbt.org

Community Speaker Series

On Sunday, November 23, we completed our 2019 series with the The Music of Thanksgiving. About 130 people attended this event. It was a pleasure for White River Buddhist Temple to host John Hale and Northwest Interfaith’s 33rd Annual InterSpiritual Celebration of Harmony. We enjoyed listening to the presentations of each of the faith communities. Those attending were Messiah Lutheran, Baha’i, REVIVE, Khalsa Gurmat School, Bet Chaverim, Unity of Kent, and the Islamic Center of Kent. Welcoming music was offered by our own Don Gardner and his group; Yuki Inoue, Nathan Ashworth, and Stan Hernacki. Closing music was offered by WRBT’s newly formed Ukulele Band, The Shirakawa Strummers. Everyone joined in with “Sing”. During intermission we had a free will offering and collected \$507.00. This money was given to the Auburn Food Bank. Following the program we enjoyed a loud, boisterous cookies and ice-cream sundae reception.

Dr. Shimizu

January 19, 2020

2020 begins with a holistic health presentation by Dr. Shimizu. Dr. Shimizu will begin his talk following a short service. Dr. Jyun Shimizu is natural health practitioner. He was inspired by his family’s value of compassion, balanced diet, and natural healing in Japan. He pursued traditional Chinese Medicine in the 1990’s following his family background. In the 2000’s he expanded his knowledge to homeopathic, naturopathic, and the Bio-energetic field. After 2010 he started to integrate all aspects of medicine and healing into his practice. Please join us to learn more about integrative medicine.

As always...conversation and snacks immediately follow!

Meditation Sessions

Saturday, January 4: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saturday, January 18: 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

Monthly Play Date at White River

Please join us for our new monthly play dates! There will be an activity and snacks for preschool through grade school aged children. These play dates will normally be held the first Sunday of each month, at 10:30 am. The next will be January 5th. No obligations, just come and have fun! Contact Ruth Terry if you have any questions- ruthterry@gmail.com

2019 Pledge Totals

November 1 – 30, 2019

Thank you for your support in 2019!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
December 2, 2019	\$3,200	\$33,995	56	\$4,400	\$33,420
Name and Amount Not Specified for Publishing: Anonymous #23 Anonymous #24 Anonymous #25					
Amount Not Specified for Publishing: Bill and Kim Komoto Carolyn Schwab					
Under \$500:					
\$500- \$999:					
\$1,000- \$4,999:					
<u>For Comparison</u>					
November 30, 2018	\$1,470	\$29,845	55	\$1,535	\$28,105

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA@wrbt.org

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

BWA Meeting Day – December 8, 2019

Left to right – Janis, Karen, Darlene, Maydell, Georgette,



Gift Card Fundraiser – Thank you for supporting our Fall Gift Card Fundraiser! We made \$232 profit from your sales of 103 gift cards sold! Retail value of these gift cards was \$3,220.

Please welcome & give your support to our 2020 BWA Officers. Thank you for your service. Connie has graciously agreed to take minutes at the meetings, so a vote will be taken, and she can be installed at the spring meeting.

- President Georgette Magnin
- Vice President Vivian Alexander
- Secretary Connie Toda
- Treasurer Pat Kawabata
- Auditor Janis Yamada

Thank you to Rev. & Mrs. Warrick for your support & guidance, 2019 officers VP Vivian, Secretary Melissa, Treasurer Pat, Auditor Janis, to our committee chairs Coins for Diapers & Scarf-Making – Vivian, Craft & Coffee – Eva, Fisher House & Soup-Making – Char, Fun Fellowship Lunches – Gayle & Darlene, Newspapers & Towels for Pets – Darlene.

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

- Jan - Mar YEAR-ROUND Green Box DONATIONS = Paper Supplies**
- Jan 18, Sat 9:00 Soup-Making – Char chairing**
- Feb 16, Sun 10:30 Lady Kujo Service: Guest Speaker Minister’s Assistant Leonora Clarke**
- Feb 21-23 NW Convention and NWD BWA Meetings & Special Gathering**
- TBD Scarf-Making – Vivian chairing**
- Oct 11, Sun 10:30 Eshinni-Kakushinni Service: Guest Speaker Rev. Candice Shibata**

Green Box Year Round Collections in temple lobby – January – March = Paper Supplies

Thank you for your support! 75.5 pounds for December. Over 450 pounds donated to Auburn Food Bank in 2019!

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! \$55 counted for December.

ABA

The ABA held its November 18, 2019 cooking class with Maydell Crane instructing. The class made a tasty tuna fish burger and a wild rice and carrot salad. The meal was enjoyed by all.

The ABA members are planning a spring field trip with possible destinations being considered: the Seattle Asian Art Museum, Kubota Gardens, Georgetown Brewery tour, Museum of History and Industry and the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. The current ABA officers were re-elected for another term. They are: President, Randy Okimoto; Vice President, Randy Chun; Secretary, Norma Geenty and Treasurer, Bill Geenty.

Our next cooking class and meeting is Monday, February 10, 2020. Even Chun will teach. Everyone is invited to attend.

TIMELESS FAVORITES

Last Saturday, we had Kendall Kosai as instructor for making Hiroshima style Okonomiyaki. Many thanks for a great lesson. It was quick & easy and tasted great. We will skip January; the next session will be on Saturday, February 8th.

Facilities Committee

The White River Buddhist Temple Board has approved Tomohiro Tanaka “Tomo” to occupy the caretaker house in return for providing certain limited security, caretaker, and janitorial services. Tomo will begin occupancy sometime in January. Tomo does not have furniture or furnishings, so if anyone has some extra items, Tomo would appreciate their temporary use. **Please contact Randy BEFORE bringing any items to the Temple to be sure it is needed.** Randy Okimoto, (253 859 2605 or reokimoto@comcast.net) is coordinating all donation offers.

Tomo was a GRCC student volunteer (coordinator) for White River Buddhist Temple fund raisers from July 2009 through November 2013. After graduating from GRCC he went back to North Dakota to undergo flight training and received a Bachelor of Business Administration from University of North Dakota in 2018. Tomo returned to the Seattle area in January 2019 and has been teaching flight training at the Auburn and Covington Airports and Flight Simulator training at GRCC for the last year.

The Facilities Committee is working on multiple projects: Evaluating the costs and benefits of installing security cameras inside the temple and outside, planning for the replacement of the 20 yr.-old ADT alarm control panel and keypad, the completion of repair of the furnace that heats the multipurpose room, working with Mary to repair the 2 ft garden fence, contracting to repair the backdoor and frame, pruning the pine tree near Sensei’s office window, and replacing the freezer in the kitchen.



Hyatt Regency Lake Washington

1053 Lake Washington Blvd. N, Renton, WA

February 21-23, 2020

The Seattle Betsuin is honored to host the 73rd Annual Northwest District Convention in conjunction with the 2020 BCA Ministers’ Association Meeting and BCA National Council Meeting.

In addition to the normal Saturday workshops, this year’s convention will also include the Hongwanji Place Bookstore, a Thursday afternoon IBS/CBE Symposium “Prayers for the World” featuring Rev/Drs Takashi Miyaji, Mutsumi Wondra and David Matsumoto and three Friday evening workshops titled “Temple Safety & Security”, “Membership & Propagation” and the “BCA’s Minister’s Assistant Program”.

Also new this year, rather than having a keynote speaker, we will feature several of the BCA ministers who will be in town plus a few guest speakers. Saturday session choices include

- “Engaged Buddhist Women and the Bōmori”
- “EcoSangha & Earth Dana”
- “Sing Namo Amida Butsu”
- “World Peace Begins with Me”
- English & Japanese language Dharmathons
- “Otera de Asobō” (Let’s Play at the Temple”)
- “Oshōmyō kara no Manabi” (Learning from Chanting)
- “Sustainable Art & Project”
- A Buddhist Parenting Panel
- “DT Suzuki: The Remaking of Pureland Buddhism”
- “Archiving Temple History”
- “Road to Tokudo”
- “Dana for World Peace”

Registration is due January 31, 2020 — Please register at <https://seattlebetsuin.com/convention/> — If you need assistance, please contact Wayne Mizuki. LATE FEE is \$50/person after February 1st.

- \$150 adults
- \$100 students eating adult meals (college included)
- \$80 students eating child meals
- \$100 adult banquet only
- \$45 child banquet only

Hotel Rates (Complimentary overnight self parking is available on Friday/Saturday nights) — Please register directly at <https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/SEARL/G-SEBU>

- \$109 King, \$119 Queen/Queen, \$129 Partial lake view, \$139 full lake view

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from November 17th through December 15th. 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. For regular donors, year-end letters listing contributions made during 2019 will be prepared after December 31st and will be handed out or mailed in January. Please contact Charles Natsuhara, Treasurer, regarding omissions or corrections by phone (253) 833-0789, or by email to finance@wrbt.org.

Total Donations Received - \$6813

Eitaikyo (Perpetual Memorial) Service Donations

M/M Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	M/M Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani
M/M Bill & Norma Geenty	Mrs. Tomeko Lloyd Taketa
Mrs. Yuki Iwai	M/M Alvin & Mitsuko Terada
Mrs. Lilly Kato	Ms Darlene Yamada
Mrs. Rosie Kato	Mrs. Yoshiko Yamada
M/M Mike & Louise Kato	Mrs. Setsuko Hamamoto
M/M Shiyoji & Pat Kawabata	M/M Joan & David Hoskins
Mrs. Katie Komoto	Mr. Joe Watanabe
M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki	Tamio & Takako Uchida
M/M Ron & Karen Murakami	Mrs. Gayle Takemura
Mr. Charles Natsuhara	M/M Bob & Mitzi Akiyama
Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara	Mrs. Charlene Grinolds
Mr. Randy Okimoto	Mrs. Carolyn Yamada
M/M James & Ikuko Dodobara	Savannah & Sam Borja
Mrs. Joan Rodgers	

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials

Mrs. Lorraine Blackler	In memory of George, Mary & Aileen Hiranaka
Mrs. Amy Kato	In memory of Shima Taketa and Josie Taketa
Mrs. Lilly Kato	In memory of Shima Taketa
Mrs. Katie Komoto	December Shotsuki
Mr. Charles Natsuhara	In memory of Chiyokichi Natsuhara
Ms Kathryn Natsuhara	In memory of Chiyokichi Natsuhara
Mrs. Tomeko Lloyd Taketa	In memory of Shima Taketa
M/M Mark & Sharon Kosai	December Shotsuki
Ms. Emiko Phillips	December Shotsuki
Ms. Georgette Magnin	In memory of Joyce Ding
Mrs. Carolyn Yamada	In memory of Doug Yamada and Mae Yamada
Asato Family	In memory of Roger Kawasaki

Memorials

Mr. Bill Ishida	Funeral for Dorothy Ishida
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General Donations

Mr. Dennis Asato	Honor of Tessa Asato's marriage
Mrs. Amy Kato	Bodhi Day
Mrs. Gayle Takemura	Bodhi Day
M/M Bill & Norma Geenty	Oseibo contribution
M/M Ilene & Donald Grome	Supporter donation – In memory of Hatsue & Frank Okimoto
M/M Curtis & Charlene Nakayama	Supporter donation
Douglas Kanaya	Supporter donation
Don & Beta Kato	Supporter donation
Kiwanis Club of Kent - AM	Donation- Kitchen Use
Ms. Georgette Magnin	In appreciation
Anonymous	In appreciation
Ms. Louise Tanagi	In honor Charlene Grinolds – NW Asian Weekly Top Contributors

Newsletter Reminder

January newsletter articles are due **Sunday, January 12th**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org.

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

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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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