

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Minister's Greetings

Greetings,

March is a month where everything is shifting. Winter is turning into spring, snow is melting, rains are less frequent and flowers are blooming. A lot of things happen in the month of March. Daylight savings time begins March 8 and the first day of spring is March 20. This month is also National Craft Month, National Umbrella Month, (should have been last month in this area), National Noodle Month, (yum yum), and National Peanut Month, (hey where is the jelly). Many other events are occurring this month such as, Return Those Borrowed Books Week, Clean Your Closet Week, Bubble Gum Week and my favorite National Procrastination Week. I tend to put things off a little.

The Spring Equinox occurs in March. It is a time when the weather is normally neither too warm nor too cold and the days and nights are of equal length. At this unique time of the year, the two shores of light and dark are so close to one another the passage back and forth is easier. Harmony pervades throughout the universe. It is a good time to set aside a special day to reconsider the Buddhist teachings, reflect upon ourselves, and pay respect to the innumerable people from the past to the present who have come into our lives and in some way or other influenced it to be better. As Jodo Shinshu Buddhists we gather before the sacred shrine of Amida Buddha to meditate on the harmony of nature and devote ourselves to realizing this harmony within.

This special day we have set aside this month is called 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 the end of our life. 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, compassion. The observance of Ohigan gives us an opportunity to gather and express our gratitude to the Buddha for teaching us the way. I hope you will join us for O-Higan service on March 15th this year.

Rev. James Hozen Warrick



Greetings from the Chairman!

February is another busy month for the Temple. It starts with Shotsuki Memorial Services, followed by our General Meeting on February 9, 2020. If you didn't attend, you missed a pretty lively discussion on a request by a cooperative group of Japanese mothers for the use of our temple classrooms and kitchen facilities. They wanted to use the facilities to host child pre-school activities once or twice a week. After a lengthy debate, the consensus of the group was that the minimal benefits to the Temple did not justify the additional costs, security and liability risks, and supervisory services that would be required.

Finally, the 73rd Annual Northwest District Convention will be held this month from February 21 -23rd in Renton, Washington. I hope to see you there.

Randy Okimoto

P.S. Remember to join us on March 1st 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!

**March Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
March 1, 2020 at 10:30 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of March. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, March 1st at 10:30 am. If any names have inadvertently been omitted, please email office@wrbt.org to correct our records.

Kiyoko Nishimura	1972	Shigeru Nishimura	2005
Sue Arima	1973	Ted Tadao Komoto	2006
Tatsu Sato Abe	1981	Kimi Teraoka	2006
Masanuki Yamada	1984	Tokie Nakai	2007
Tazo Nishimura	1986	Bobbie Akira Tanabe	2008
Yoshio Horiuchi	1986	Benjamin Tsutomu Taketa	2008
Tamayo Mikami	1991	Toshi Terayama	2011
Mitsuwo Ikuta	1993	Itsuko Funai	2013
Harry Susumu Anzai	1994	Satoru Kato	2014
Tsutaie Tiny Taketa	1996	Stan Tsujikawa	2017
Hiroto Mizoguchi	2001	Yasumi Kinoshita	2017
Kai Honore Hansen	2005		

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

Meditation Sessions

Saturday, March 7: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, March 21: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday, April 4: 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, including beginners, are welcome to attend.

Questions? meditation@wrbt.org

Monthly Play Date at White River

Please join us for our new monthly play dates! We have had some difficulty getting children involved, so if anyone has family or friends with younger children, please spread the word and encourage them to come. There are activities and snacks for preschool through grade school aged children at the play dates. These play dates are normally held the first Sunday of each month, at 10:30 am. The next will be March 1st. No obligations, just come and have fun! Contact Ruth Terry if you have any questions- ruthterry@gmail.com

"Our Lost Years"

White River Buddhist Temple will be co sponsoring the showing of Lane Nishikawa's film "Our Lost Years" about the incarceration of 120,000 Japanese & Japanese Americans, the signing of H.R. 442 & the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. Besides sharing personal stories and the battle for redress and reparations, it shares how the legacy of this community is becoming a voice of justice for all people.

When: Sunday March 1, 2020, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Where: the Gathering Place located at the Kent Lutheran Church and Community Center 336 2nd Ave. So., Kent WA 98032

Cost: General Admission \$15, Membership with Kent Lutheran, Greater Kent Historical Society, White River Buddhist Temple & JACL \$12, Students (18 and under) and Seniors (65+) \$10. Tickets must be purchased in advance as seating is limited. Purchase tickets at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/user/eventreports.html?events=4494089>

Lane will be showing his film and taking questions after the film. Copies of the film will be available for purchase along with his other films.

If you have any questions please contact Char Grinolds at charginolds@gmail.com or 253-229-7340

Newsletter Reminder

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

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

Save the Date
Tsuru folding
March 22, 2020 - Noon

This excerpt is from a Tsuru For Solidarity Press Release:

Japanese Americans from across the country will gather next spring in Washington, D.C. on June 5 – 7, 2020 for a “National Pilgrimage to Close the Camps.” We plan to bring 125,000 paper cranes, or tsuru, as expressions of solidarity with immigrant and refugee communities that are under attack today. The 125,000 cranes represent the members of our community who were rounded up and incarcerated in U.S. concentration camps during World War II, including both Japanese Americans and Japanese Latin Americans.

Standing on the moral authority of our own unjust incarceration, the protest will demand that no matter where someone came from or how they arrived to the United States, they be treated with dignity and respect. We will stand with immigrant communities to condemn the policies that dehumanize them, including ICE detention, jailing and separation of parents, families and children, and the Muslim ban.

The planning is being led by Tsuru for Solidarity, a nonviolent, direct action project of Japanese American Social justice advocates. “We expect this to be the largest gathering of Nikkei since World War II, when we were forcibly removed from our homes and incarcerated in U.S. concentration camps,” said Mike Ishii, one of the lead organizers.

We, at WRBT, would like to support this project by folding and stringing tsuru. All supplies will be provided. This project is scheduled on Sunday, March 22nd, at Noon. Our speaker on that date is Kendall Kosai. We will have snacks immediately following Kendall’s presentation and then we will begin our crane folding.

You may contact Char or Vivian, at wrbt.org, for more information.

Facilities Committee

Tomo has moved into the caretaker’s house and has begun his janitorial duties. He has the basics in furniture but could use some additional things. If you have anything extra that he might be able to use, please contact Norma who will be coordinating things.

During the process of adding security cameras, Comcast has connected the cable TV and upgraded our internet capabilities. As a result, the upload speed is (40-50) times faster and download speeds (3-4) times faster. We have also added two security cameras and a 2nd WIFI router in the library.

Roger had the printer replaced under warranty. Bob had coordinated the new freezer installation. JR coordinated the rear door-frame repair and window installations.

The Committee is also planning to update the 20 yr.-old ADT alarm control panel and keypad and to organically treat the flowering cherry tree near the back entrance. Mary is also submitting a plan to the Board to plant a line of memorial flowering cherry trees along the southern border of the parking lot.

ABA

Our first ABA meeting and cooking class was held on Monday, February 10, 2020. Eva Chun taught us how to make a spam and BBQ pork saimin dish and Lilly Kato made sweet filled Japanese pancakes for dessert. Both were very tasty.

The ABA Spring Field trip will be a visit to the newly remodeled Seattle Asian Art Museum in Volunteer Park on Friday, April 3rd. Admission is free to senior citizens and \$14.99 for Adults. A visit to the Conservatory costs another \$4. The Field trip is open to all White River Members, Supporters, relatives and friends. If interested in joining us, please send an e-mail to me at reokimoto@comcast.net or put your name on a sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board.

Our next ABA cooking class and meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2020 and will be taught by Pat Kawabata.

TIMELESS FAVORITES

Many thanks to Sharon & Kendall Kosai for the delicious wonton soup & lettuce wrap for our February lesson. On Saturday, March 14, Chiho Pewitt will teach the class with the menu still to be decided. Please sign up at temple or contact office@wrbt.org

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from January 13th through February 10th. 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. For regular donors, year-end letters listing contributions made during 2019 have been sent out. If you have not received a letter or have any questions please contact the treasurer.

Total Donations Received - \$1348.19

Ho-onko Shinran Memorial Service

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| M/M Bob & Mitzie Akiyama | Ms Kathryn Natsuhara |
| M/M Randy & Eva Chun | Mr Randy Okimoto |
| M/M Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai | M/M Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani |
| M/M Don & Judy Gardner | Mrs. Gayle Takemura |
| M/M Bill & Norma Geenty | Mrs Tomeko Lloyd Taketa |
| Mrs. Charlene Grinolds | Mrs. Kiyomi Taketa-Ozanich |
| Mrs. Setsuko Hamamoto | Ms. Laurie Tanaka |
| Mrs Yuki Iwai | Mrs. Betty Tanaka |
| Mrs Lilly Kato | Mrs. Mitsuko Terada |
| Mrs. Rosie Kato | Mrs. Connie Toda |
| Robynne Kanishi | M/M Tamio & Takako Uchida |
| M/M Shiyoji & Pat Kawabata | Mr. Joe Watanabe |
| Mrs Katie Komoto | Ms Darlene Yamada |
| M/M Mark & Sharon Kosai | Mrs Yoshiko Yamada |
| M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki | Mr. Dennis Yamashita |
| Mr Charles Natsuhara | Anonymous |

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials

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| Mrs. Charlene Grinolds | In memory of Steve Tsuji |
| Jill Komoto | In memory of Lily Komoto |
| Mrs. Katie Komoto | February Shotsuki |
| Mr. Randy Okimoto | In memory of Mary Sakuma |
| M/M Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani | February Shotsuki Hoyo |
| Ms. Cynthia Mochizuki | In memory of Yuki Kitagawa |
| M/M Roger Fukai & Shirley Kanda | In memory of Yosakichi and Sui Hamakami |
| M/M Mark & Sharon Kosai | January Shotsuki |

General Donations

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| Anonymous | In appreciation |
| Kroger | Give Back Program |
| M/M Randy & Eva Chun | Nirvana Day |
| Mrs. Charlene Grinolds | BCA Dana Program |

**2020 Pledge Totals
January 1 – 31, 2020**

Thank you for your support in 2020!

PLEDGES DECLARED			DOLLARS COLLECTED		
Date	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
February 3, 2020	\$15,250	\$15,250	17	\$10,370	\$10,370
Name and Amount Not Specified for Publishing:			Anonymous #1	Anonymous #2	
Amount Not Specified for Publishing:			Georgette Magnin	Monica Furtick	Sharon Kosai
			Anika Klix		
Under \$500:	Judy Gardner	Don Gardner	Joan Hoskin	David Hoskin	Anonymous #3
	Mark Terry	Dennis Yamashita			Ruth Terry
\$500- \$999:	Carolyn S. Schwab		Joe Schwab		
\$1,000- \$4,999:	Randy Okimoto				
<u>For Comparison</u>					
February 17, 2019	\$4,680	\$4,680	12	\$2,410	\$2,410

Buddhist Women's Association
 BWA@wrbt.org

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

Soup Making- Jan 18. 9 volunteers made a total of 38 gallons. Soup flavors were chicken noodle, split pea, and minestrone. Delivered to Auburn Food bank for distribution at a later date to Ray of Hope, Auburn Empty Bowl Fundraiser, Kent Hope and Spirit Fest organizations.

Crafts and Coffee- Jan 29. Tsuru folding in support of the Cranes for Solidarity project. 14 attended. Lots of laughter as the experienced folders taught the rest how to fold cranes. Another session on March 22 after service.



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

Jan - Mar Paper Supplies, or toiletries & non-perishable foods anytime – YEAR-ROUND Green Box COLLECTIONS in temple lobby. Thank you for your donations. 9.5 pounds donated in January.

Feb 16, Sun 10:30 Lady Kujo Memorial Service with Guest

Speaker Minister’s Assistant Leonora Clarke & Spring Tea

hosted by BWA - Please join us for refreshments and tea following the Lady Kujo service. Sign-up sheet for BWA members on the back hallway bulletin board. Contact Pat Kawabata or Vivian Alexander for more information.

Feb 21-23 NW Convention and NWD BWA meetings & Special Gathering -- Hyatt Regency Lake Washington, Renton

March 7, Saturday 730pm. Fun Fellowship. Green River College Theater. ‘Beehive: The 60’s musical’. Details and sign-up on the back hallway bulletin board. Contact Karen Murakami, wrlink4gold-enchain@comcast.net

Mar 29, Sunday. BWA General Meeting. Elect Connie as secretary. Present Fun Fellowship trips and discuss other activities for the year.

TBD Scarf-making - Vivian chairing.

May 21, Thursday. Fun Fellowship. Visit the rhododendron garden. Signup is requested. We need a minimum of 10 to qualify for a tour. Details on the signup sheet in the back hallway. See Gayle for more info.

June 28, Sunday. Fun Fellowship. Yakima temple visit. This will be a 2 day event. Details TBD.

Aug 2, Sunday. Fun Fellowship. Emerald Downs Corgi Races. Horses, too. Details TBD.

Oct 11, Sun 10:30am Eshinni-Kakushinni Service with Guest Speaker Rev. Candice Shibata

Green box Year Round Collections in temple lobby - January - March = Paper Supplies
Newspapers - Thank you for your donations of newspapers that are delivered to Inca's Secret. 16 bags in January.
Diaper/Change Jar on the lobby table during service days. We collect your loose change to purchase diapers and wipes, etc. for those in need. Thank you very much for your generous donations. We count it at the end of each quarter.

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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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