

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Minister's Greetings

The Temple is taking its annual break and Rev. Warrick is enjoying some R & R. His messages will continue next month!



Greetings from the Chairman!

Hello, temple members:

September signals the end of summer with its cooler weather and shorter days. With the celebratory Bon Odori and its typically warm weather behind us, we now must start preparing for the colder fall weather. So, far, our temple re-opening process has consisted of several outdoor meditation sessions and two in-person outdoor services conducted under tents set up on the basketball court. Both outdoor services were enjoyed by more than 30 well-masked and socially distanced members and guests. They were very successful. The outdoor in-person services were universally

applauded and accomplished with no adverse incidents.

From the middle of August through September 5, 2021, Reverend Warrick is on vacation and the Temple will remain on its normal summer recess. The Northwest District Convention runs from September 12th through September 19th. I encourage everyone to sign up for this year's 74th Annual Northwest District (virtual) Convention at www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com/nw-district-convention2021. There is no registration fee.

Our Fall Bazaar is scheduled for Sunday, October 17, 2021. The Restart Committee and Bazaar Committee will have a ZOOM meeting on Sunday, August 22, 2021, to discuss whether we should cancel this year's Bazaar because of Covid 19's recent uptick of cases due to the more contagious Delta variant, and if not, what it should look like. If you have thoughts on the matter please contact Randy Okimoto, at reokimoto@comcast.net or (206 437 9341).

So, far we have three members that have volunteered to run for the 2022 Board of Trustees. We need at least one more. If interested contact Randy Okimoto.

Finally, I encourage everyone to sign up to be vaccinated. It does not hurt, and it is the only way we can reduce community spread enough to fully get back to normal.

In the meantime, stay safe, stay at home, wear a mask, or GET VACCINATED!

In gassho,

Randy

With Heartfelt Sympathy

White River Buddhist Temple extends its deepest condolences to the family of Goro Kinoshita. He and his late wife Yasumi Kinoshita left behind a great legacy and the importance of family to live on with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

September & October Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service Will Be Combined IN PERSON SERVICES - CANCELLED

View online on October 3rd at 10:30am

www.wrbt.org/service

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of September and October. If any names have inadvertently been omitted or if you have any questions about Shotsuki services, please contact office@wrbt.org

September

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| 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 |

October

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| Kiku Kumasaka | 1972 | Urano Kato | 1997 |
| Naka Kiyohara | 1975 | Fumiko Nishimura | 1997 |
| Sen Natsuhara | 1979 | Tad Kato | 2012 |
| Yohei Hikida | 1981 | Shigeru Toyoshima | 2013 |
| Henry Ichiro Komatsu | 1989 | Mitsuko Hamakami | 2014 |
| Matsumi Matt Mikami | 1993 | Jean Masae Sakagami | 2020 |
| Masue Mosi Miyoshi | 1993 | John Kitagawa | 2020 |

1 year ~ 2020 3 year ~ 2019 7 year ~ 2015 13 year ~ 2009
17 year ~ 2005 25 year ~ 1997 33 year ~ 1989 50 year ~ 1972

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

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA@wrbt.org

The annual Eshinni Ka-Kushinni service: Rev. Warrick has arranged for Rev. Melissa Opel from the Spokane Buddhist Temple to be our virtual guest speaker. This service is to honour two important women in the Buddhist faith and BWA. Details to be announced soon.

Kyoto Conference 2023: *(The following information is not an endorsement of any kind. It is provided solely as information.)* The World Buddhist Women's Convention is scheduled for May 10-12, 2023, in Kyoto, Japan. This convention will be held in conjunction with services commemorating the 850-year anniversary of Shiran Shonin's birth and the 800th anniversary of the establishment of the Jodo Shinshu teaching.

The Kintetsu International travel agency is offering tours in conjunction with this conference. Their contact is Nomi Takehara at 408 544 2451, email: wbwcdesk@kintetsu.com. Here is a link to more information--

<https://web.event.com/event/dc8fc1ef-6ea7-4a46-81ab-30f5c23ed808/summary>

Karen Murakami continues a weekly BWA Connections e-mail. Requests to be added to the distribution list or to submit articles, please send them to Karen's e-mail: wrlink4goldenchain@comcast.net

No in-person BWA activities are scheduled. We will follow the guidance of the re-start committee.

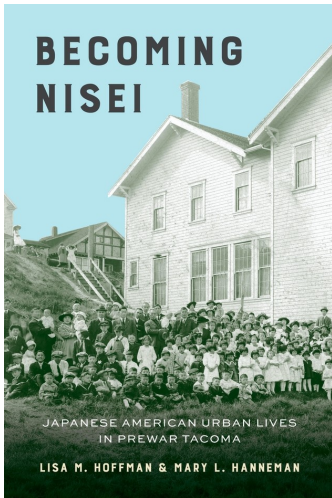
YEAR-ROUND COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your past donations; collections will resume when the Temple re-opens

Newspapers: Thank you for your donations of newspapers. You can donate directly to Inca's Secret: 8433 S 212th St #105, Kent, WA 98031, (253) 437-1312. Collections at the temple will resume when it opens to the public.

ABA

No Activity. The next ABA virtual meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2021, at 1 pm.



WRBT Virtual Book Club

Becoming Nisei

By Lisa M. Hoffman & Mary L. Hanneman

Sunday, August 29th @ 7 P.M.

Becoming Nisei, based on more than forty interviews, shares stories of growing up in the vibrant Japanese American Tacoma community before incarceration in WWII. Recording these early twentieth-century lives counteracts the structural forgetting and erasure of prewar histories in both Tacoma and many other urban settings after World War II. Lisa Hoffman and Mary Hanneman underscore both the agency of Nisei in these processes as well as their negotiations of prevailing social and power relations.

Please sign up at wrbt.org/bookclub

Fall Ohigan Service

September 26th at 10:30am

Fall Ohigan Service will be in-person, outdoors. Our COVID-19 protocols will be followed - masks and social distancing are required, temperature taken, and a COVID symptom screening questionnaire will be used.

Please dress for the weather and food is not allowed before, during, or after service. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding!

Register online www.wrbt.org/ohigan2021 OR email office@wrbt.org OR call the Temple 253-833-1442.

Restart Committee

A Hatsubon Outdoor Service was held on August 8, 2021.

An outdoor Hatsubon Service was held under tents on the basketball court on Sunday, August 8, 2021. It was attended by about 30 masked and socially distanced members and their guests.

Current Covid protocols were used with no reported incidents.

Our next Restart/Bazaar meeting will be held virtually on Sunday, August 22, 2021, at 7 pm. The main discussion will be whether we will hold a White River Fall Bazaar on October 17, 2021, and if so, what it would look like. If you would like to attend the ZOOM meeting, contact Randy Okimoto @ reokimoto@comcast.net.



Bon Odori 2021

This year's White River Virtual Bon Odori program was a resounding success. It consisted of an online Video and three fundraising activities: 1) a memorable lantern program, 2) Sponsorship of individual dances and 3) Sales of Dessert Boxes. Fundraising activities are expected to be slightly less than last year's Virtual Obon.

The White River Bon Odori video aired on Saturday, August 14th on the Temple's YouTube channel. If you missed it or would like to view it again, view it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1429ENPk6v4>

"Thank you" to all members who supported and made this year's White River Buddhist Temple's Virtual Bon Odori a success. "Special thanks" to: Kendall Kosai for organizing the Virtual Obon and producing the online video, Genie Lau and the White River Bon Odori dance instructors for their patient instructions and eloquent performances, Tessa Asato for running the Memorial Lantern program, Georgette Magnin for organizing the Dance Sponsorships, Kendall Kosai and Valerie Yamanaka for running the Dessert Box sales, and finally, Charles Natsuhara for doing all of the "behind the scenes" work of accounting and set up.

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from July 20th through August 18th. Thank you to the many people whose financial donations, as well as their donations of goods, energy, and time help us to conduct services, programs and maintain the temple. Please contact Charles Natsuhara, Assistant Treasurer, regarding omissions or corrections by phone (253) 833-0789, or by email to finance@wrbt.org

Donations can be sent directly to the temple. You can also make a donation by credit card at the temple website <https://www.wrbt.org/donate>.

Total Donations Received - \$6334.00

Shotsuki (Monthly) Memorials

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| M/M Janis & Alan Yamada | In memory of George Kawasaki |
| Mrs. Margaret Teramoto | In memory of Amy Kato |
| Lorraine Blackler | In memory of Kiyomi Mizoguchi |
| Mrs. Alice Nishimoto | In memory of Morito Nishimoto |
| Mr. Masaru Yamamoto | In memory of Amy Kato |
| Ms. Yoshiko Onichi | In memory of Amy Kato |
| M/M Nina & Yick Chin | In memory of T.Z. Maekawa & Amy Kato |
| Mr. Don Maekawa | In memory of T.Z. Maekawa |
| Mr. Dennis Yamashita | In memory of Amy Kato |
| Mrs. Joan Rodgers | In memory of Amy Kato |
| M/M Sandra & Paul Cheng | In memory of Amy Kato |
| M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai | In memory of Dad (James Komoto) |
| Ms. Miyuki Peterson | In memory of George Uchida |
| M/M James & Ikuko Dodobara | In memory of Mrs. Oshie Kiyota |
| Mrs. Pat Kawabata | In memory of Ish Suyematsu & George Kawasaki |
| M/M Karen & Tom Little | In memory of Kayo Terayama |
| Mrs. Carolyn Yamada | In memory of Hiroshi Sagara |
| Mrs. Charlene Grinolds | In memory of Tomi Tsuji |
| Ms. Susie Taketa | In memory of James Komoto |
| Ms. Georgette Magnin | In memory of Alice Arita |
| M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai | August Shotsuki |

Memorials

In Memory of Shiyoji Kawabata

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| Mrs. Margaret Teramoto | Mrs. Mabel Nishizaki | Ms. Linda Ishii |
| Betty Willis & Liz Carrasquero | M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki | Ms. Frances Shintaku |
| M/M James & Grace Shibayama | | |
| M/M Janis & Alan Yamada | In memory of Yoshiko Yamada | |
| M/M Eva & Randy Chun | In memory of Yoshiko Yamada, Shiyoji Kawabata, Goro Kinoshita | |
| M/M Sandra & Paul Cheng | Burial Service for Masae Sakagami | |

Hatsubon

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| M/M Alva & Dennis Nishimura | In memory of Goro Kinoshita |
| Ms. Darlene Yamada | In memory of Yoshiko Yamada |
| Ms. Karen Yamada | In memory of Yoshiko Yamada |
| Mrs. Pat Kawabata | In memory of Shiyoji Kawabata |
| M/M Sandra & Paul Cheng | In memory of Masae Sakagami |
| M/M Yuri & Itsuo Shiotani | In memory of Yoshiko Yamada |
| M/M Bob & Mitzi Shiotani | Hatsubon |

Obon

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| Ms. Miyuki Peterson | M/M Eva & Randy Chun | Mr. Dennis Yamashita |
| Mrs. Tomeko Taketa | Tamio & Takako Uchida | Mrs. Joan Rodgers |
| Mrs. Lilly Kato | M/M Ron & Karen Murakami | Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara |
| Mrs. Carolyn Yamada | Mrs. Charlene Grinolds | Mrs. Gayle Takemura |
| M/M Alva & Dennis Nishimura | M/M Bob & Mitzi Akiyama | Mrs. Katie Komoto |
| Mrs. Connie Toda | Mrs. Kathleen Taketa-Ozanich | Ms. Laurie Tanaka |
| M/M Yuri & Itsuo Shiotani | Mr. Charles Natsuhara | Anonymous |
| M/M Allan Mizoguchi | In memory of Hiroto & Kiyomi Mizoguchi, Family and Friends | |
| Ms. Lorraine Blackler | In memory of Hiroto & Kiyomi Mizoguchi | |

DONATIONS continued

Memorial Lanterns / Bon Odori

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| Ms. Georgette Magnin | Ms. Toshiko Hayashi | Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara |
| Mrs. Tomeko Taketa | Mr. Charles Natsuhara | Mr. Ron Hamakawa |
| Morikubo Family | Mr. Dave Okimoto | M/M Ilene & Donald Grome |
| Mrs. Pat Kawabata | M/M Ron & Karen Murakami | M/M Jesse McAlister |
| Tallis King George | M/M Roger & Shirley Fukai | Mr. Calvin Terada |
| Ms. Kelsey Asato | Mr. Tyler Moriguchi | Ms. Heidi Utsugi |
| Ms. Kemi Nakabayashi | | |

Bon Odori Dance Sponsorships

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| M/M Alva & Dennis Nishimura | Natsuhara Family | Okimoto Family |
| Ms. Gwen Florence | Mrs. Amy Doran | |

General Donations

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| Ms. Patricia Cosgrove | In Appreciation |
| M/M Mitsuko & Alvin Terada | In Appreciation |

2021 Pledge Totals

July 1 - 31, 2021

Thank you for your support in 2021!

| Date | PLEDGES DECLARED | | | DOLLARS COLLECTED | |
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| | Additional | Total | Contributors | Additional | Total |
| Aug 5, 2021 | \$0 | \$32,730 | 43 | \$625 | \$30,075 |
| Name and Amount Not Specified for Publishing: | | | | | |
| Amount Not Specified for Publishing: | | | | | |
| Under \$500: \$500- \$999: Darlene Yamada (Reclassified from Under \$500) | | | | | |
| \$1,000- \$4,999: | | | | | |
| <u>For Comparison</u> | | | | | |
| Aug 1, 2020 | \$100 | \$37,950 | 46 | \$855 | \$31,870 |

Facilities Committee

Front sign repair: JR Pewitt is leading a team of himself, Junko, and Georgette to repair the wooden sign in front of the temple. They have disassembled, repaired the sign and now are in the process of painting and repairing the roof.

Garden Maintenance & Fence Repair: Mary and Randy are doing some weeding in the garden areas. JR and Charles continue to mow the lawn areas.

Security False Alarms: ADT sent a repairman out on August 16th. He determined that the false alarms were being triggered by a spider in the back hallway sensor. He cleaned it out and we should have no more problems.

Temple Cell phone: We are planning to switch from Verizon to Xfinity Comcast, which will reduce our monthly cost significantly.

Temple Janitorial Work: Randy and Charles continue to empty the garbage and clean the bathrooms every Wednesday. Waste Management is also in the process of changing the garbage, yard waste and recycle bins.

Negotiating Committee

It should be clarified that the proper identity that had expressed an interest in buying 1.5 acres of the Temple's western most property was the Valley Regional Fire Authority (Fire Authority). The Temple's Negotiating Committee met with the Fire Authority on July 22, 2021, and conveyed the Temple's asking price. At the meeting they expressed a thank you for our time, but indicated that it was highly unlikely that their superiors would approve any purchase.

Newsletter Reminder

March newsletter articles are due **Sunday, September 12th**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org. Save a tree and a stamp - receive your newsletter via email! Contact newsletter@wrbt.org

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Reverend Warrick's Formal Temple Office Hours (SUSPENDED)

~~Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm~~

~~Sunday 8:30 am – 1:00 pm~~

While Rev. Warrick is out of the office, please call the Temple phone [\(253\) 833-1442](tel:(253)833-1442) for urgent needs. Your call will be forwarded and a covering minister will be contacted if necessary.

For **non-urgent** matters and ministerial needs, we ask that you please wait until Rev. Warrick is back in the office.

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