

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Minister's Greetings

Hello White River Buddhist Temple! My name is Rev. Cyndi Yasaki and I am honored to be your resident minister. I look forward to making connections with you all and creating a Sangha that is interested in learning and spreading the Dharma within and outside the temple. As my introduction to you all I would like to discuss the topic of Names.

The name given to me by my parents, Cynthia, is Greek in origin and means "From Mount Kynthos". Mount Kynthos was the mountain Artemis, the Greek goddess, was born on. Those born with the name Cynthia will stand tall during challenging times. The Dharma Name given to me by Bishop Ogui when I participated in the Youth Minister's Assistant Program is Shaku Jikaku. Shaku is the name all Buddhists receive upon being given a Dharma Name and means of the Śākya clan or a disciple of Śākyamuni Buddha. The name Jikaku means "Compassion Awakening". The above names were given to me, and I believe hold a hope for me from my parents and the BCA, respectively.

The Buddha named Amida translates to "without meter", "immeasurable", or "infinite" and is understood to have the names Amitayus (Infinite Life) and Amitabha (Infinite Light). Amida Buddha perfected vows to save all sentient beings from the cycle of birth and death. This means, in saying the Nembutsu, Namu Amida Butsu, not only are we taking refuge in Amida Buddha, but we are also taking refuge in the Eighteenth Vow which states that all sentient beings who take refuge in Amida Buddha break free of the cycle of birth and death and are born in Amida Buddha's Pure Land. So, say Namu Amida Butsu in gratitude to the infinite wisdom and compassion contained within the name of the Buddha who has vowed to save all sentient beings.



Greetings from the President

The news we've all been waiting for is here. As of November 1st, Reverend Cynthia Yasaki will officially start as the resident minister at White River Buddhist Temple! We are extremely pleased to have her talents and wisdom join our growing Sangha. As this will be Rev. Cyndi's first assignment, we will all have to do our best to support her in her learning along the way. It will take all of us to make sure that we work together cohesively.

Finally, we are currently accepting nominations/interest in joining the board. We need strong leaders to keep the temple moving forward. Please consider putting your hat into the ring during this pivotal moment of the temple. If you are interested, please reach out to me!

As always, please feel free to contact me at president@wrbt.org or call me at 206-947-1235 if you have any questions or just want to chat.

Thank you again for your support!

Kendall

Eitaikyo Service Sunday, November 20th 10:30 am

Please join us for our annual Eitaikyo service, our perpetual memorial service held to honor White River Buddhist Temple's past members and to ensure the continuation of Buddhist teachings at our Temple.

An invitation is included in this newsletter.

November Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
IN PERSON (and Streamed Live) Service
November 6th at 10:30am
www.wrbt.org/service

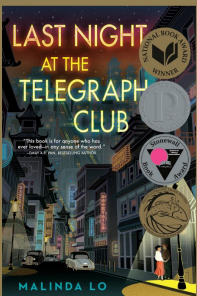
COVID protocols will remain in place with well fitting masks and social distancing.

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

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

1 year ~ 2021 3 year ~ 2020 7 year ~ 2016 13 year ~ 2010
17 year ~ 2006 25 year ~ 1998 33 year ~ 1990 50 year ~ 1973

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



WRBT Virtual Book Club

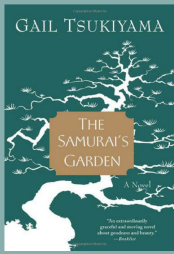
Last Night at the Telegraph Club
By Malinda Lo

November 13th at 7:00pm
 Sign up at wrbt.org/bookclub

Seventeen-year-old Lily Hu can't remember exactly when the feeling took root—that desire to look, to move closer, to touch. Whenever it started growing, it definitely bloomed the moment she and Kathleen Miller walked under the flashing neon sign of a lesbian bar called the Telegraph Club. Suddenly everything seemed possible.

But America in 1954 is not a safe place for two girls to fall in love, especially not in Chinatown. Red-Scare paranoia threatens everyone, including Chinese Americans like Lily. With deportation looming over her father—despite his hard-won citizenship—Lily and Kath risk everything to let their love see the light of day.

Sign up at wrbt.org/bookclub or email office@wrbt.org



WRBT Virtual Book Club

The Samurai's Garden
By Gail Tsukiyama

December 11th at 7:00pm
 Sign up at wrbt.org/bookclub

The daughter of a Chinese mother and a Japanese father, Tsukiyama uses the Japanese invasion of China during the late 1930s as a somber backdrop for her unusual story about a 20-year-old Chinese painter named Stephen who is sent to his family's summer home in a Japanese coastal village to recover from a bout with tuberculosis. Here he is cared for by Matsu, a reticent housekeeper and a master gardener. Over the course of a remarkable year, Stephen learns Matsu's secret and gains not only physical strength, but also profound spiritual insight. Matsu is a samurai of the soul, a man devoted to doing good and finding beauty in a cruel and arbitrary world, and Stephen is a noble student, learning to appreciate Matsu's generous and nurturing way of life and to love Matsu's soulmate, gentle Sachi, a woman afflicted with leprosy.



Did you know?

The BCA Center for Buddhist Education has a collection of past webinars available for viewing? There is lots of great content and something for everyone.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/BCACenterforBuddhistEducation/videos>

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA@wrbt.org

BWA Fall General meeting, November 20, 2022, following service: Our Fall meeting will be a hybrid meeting, in-person and virtual. Nomination of officers is open, if any BWA member wishes to be nominated for an office (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or Auditor), please let Georgette know. Nominations are open until the start of the meeting. The meeting announcement and materials that will be emailed approximately October 20th.

A no host lunch at Hibachi Buffet, 440 16th St NE, Auburn, WA 98002, follows the meeting. Members and friends are welcome to share food and company.

Flower and Fruit Offerings: There is an opportunity for you to bring flowers or fruit offerings to decorate our altar. The signup sheet with further information is in the hallway by the temple library.

If you are bringing flowers, please contact Sara Perrott in advance, so she knows to be on hand to arrange them on Sunday morning.

Fruit Offering is two each of four different kinds of any fruit.

ABA

A ZOOM meeting was held on Monday, September 12th at 1 pm. At the meeting the committee tentatively scheduled a tour-guided field trip to the Pacific Bonsai Museum in Federal Way on Wednesday Oct. 5th and a field trip to a Seattle Mariners game on Monday, Oct. 3rd. Because of illnesses and other conflicts, the Pacific Bonsai Museum field trip was cancelled and hopefully will be re-scheduled sometime next year. The Seattle Mariner game was attended by nine members and friends. A good time was had by all.

Our next ABA Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 2022, at 1 pm. We will have election of officers and discuss next year's agenda and field trips.

Ray of Hope Meals

November 9 and December 14
(2:30 pm at the Temple)

We will be preparing a meal once a month for clients at Auburn's Ray of Hope. If you would like to help, sign up at the Temple or contact office@wrbt.org.

FUNDRAISER FOR
47th BCA FBWA 2024 Conference Committee

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY
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"The Coast District Buddhist Women's League is excited to host the 47th FBWA Conference in 2024. As expected prices for hotel meals and accommodations have increased. In an effort to lower registration costs we are fundraising. Please support this Panda Express Fundraiser. Just order your food online for pick up or delivery, and at checkout enter the FUNDRAISER CODE, 911278. We thank Panda Express for their support. And thank you all for participating!"

When

Friday, November 18, 2022
Place your order for pickup or delivery on Friday, November 18!

Where

Available at Panda Express locations nationwide
www.pandaexpress.com

How

Online orders only
Apply code **911278** in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout at www.pandaexpress.com or via App

28% of sales will be donated to: 47th BCA FBWA 2024 Conference Committee

Federation of Buddhist Women's Association is an organization of the Buddhist Churches of America

Valid for online orders only. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events, if the Panda Restaurant Group Virtual Community Fundraiser guidelines are not followed. Panda Restaurant Group will donate 28% of all purchases made, pre-tax and before fees, at your local Panda Express when purchased with designated code at check-out. Purchase(s) of gift cards do not count towards the fundraiser, but purchases made with gift cards will count. No portion of purchase is tax deductible.

Ray of Hope
Resource Center

2536 I Street NE
Auburn, WA 98002

WRBT continues to support the Auburn Food Bank (and Ray of Hope, who provides resources for the homeless community). These are some of the items needed (NEW only) by Ray of Hope Clients and can be dropped at the Temple.

- Hygiene Products
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Medicated Foot Powder
- Neosporin
- Underwear & T-Shirts
- Hand & Toe Warmers

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from September 23rd through October 13th. 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, 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 or you can also make a donation by credit card at the temple website <https://www.wrbt.org/donate>.

Total Donations Received - \$1,626

Shotsuki (Monthly) Memorials

Alan and Joyce Yamagiwa	In memory of Yoshiko Yamada
Ms. Joanne Kitagawa	In memory of John Kitagawa
Ms. Joanne Kitagawa	In memory of Hiroto & Kiyomi Mizoguchi
Mr. Kenneth Kamei	In memory of Kiku Kumasaka
Mrs. Norma Geenty	In memory of William Geenty
Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	In memory of Mitsuko Hamakami
M/M Karen and Robert Nishimoto	In memory of Mitsuko Hamakami
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	October Shotsuki
M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki	In memory of Helen Mizuki
M/M Alva & Dennis Nishimura	In memory of Fumiko Nishimura
Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara	In memory of Sen Natsuhara
Mr. Charles Natsuhara	In memory of Sen Natsuhara
Mr. Randy Okimoto	In memory of Shigeru Toyoshima
Mrs. Lilly Kato	In memory of Tad Kato, Kenichi Kato and Urano Kato
Mrs. Tomeko Taketa	In memory of Tad Kato and Urano Kato

Bazaar Donations

M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki	Ms. Masako Uchida	Mr. Randy Okimoto
Mrs. Katie Komoto		

General Donations

Steve & Michelle Tamaki	In appreciation
Eddie & Linda Shimizu	In appreciation
M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki	BCA Endowment
Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	BCA Endowment
M/M James & Chiho Pewitt	In appreciation
M/M Mitsuko & Alvin Terada	In appreciation

2022 Pledge Totals

September 1 - 30, 2022

Thank you for your support in 2022!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
Oct 3, 2022	\$2,400	\$36,840	47	\$3,175	\$34,240

For Comparison

Oct 1, 2021	\$1,300	\$38,030	48	\$2,075	\$37,425
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Name and Amount Not Specified for Publishing: Anonymous #7 Anonymous #8
 Anonymous #9 Anonymous #10

Under \$500: Alva Nishimura Dennis Nishimura

\$500 - \$999: Anonymous #11

Newsletter Reminder

December newsletter articles are due **Sunday, November 20th**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org.

Contact newsletter@wrbt.org or call 253-833-1442 to opt out of the hard copy newsletter.

Facilities Committee

JR, Charles, Mary and Randy continue to work on the outside maintenance. JR, Randy and Charles got together and trimmed the front and southern border hedges. Thank you JR, Randy & Charles. A group also met in early September and cleaned and mopped the inside of the Temple. Thank you everyone who helped.

****Views expressed in articles by individuals do not necessarily represent the views of, and should not be attributed to the Temple or Sangha members****

Formal Temple Office Hours by Appointment Only

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 a supervising minister will return your call as soon as possible. Ministerial contact information is pending and will be updated after details/schedules are finalized.

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