

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Minister's Greetings

August is one of the hottest months so please be careful and take care of yourself and others!!

With climate change causing more and more hot days in the year, I think it is important to realize how lucky we are to have places we can cool off! Until I started taking classes in public health, I did not realize how important it is to think of other people and how thinking of other people can affect our community.

In the summer months, cities around the world were realizing the correlation to the amount of heat stroke/death cases and the high temperatures in the city that day. This caused cities to realize that they needed to do something to help their communities. Thus, they created "cooling centers" to make sure there are safe places to gather within air-conditioned buildings during the summer.

As someone who has lived a very privileged life, I would never have thought there are people who do not have a place to cool off in the summer. In other words, either they do not have a house with air conditioning, they do not have money to either keep themselves cool (through cold treats or going to water parks), or they do not have a house. Until I took my public health classes, I did not realize how this is a problem within our communities.

This shows how foolish I am and how my thoughts always gravitate towards me and my troubles. As a minister, I will never say that "I am selfless" or that "I am always compassionate" because if I was, I too, would be out on the streets because I would have given the house I am living in to others so they would not have to suffer in the summer heat. If I was selfless, I would open the temple every day to allow anyone to relax in the middle of a sunny day. But, I am not. I am selfish.

Which is why I turn to Amida Buddha's infinite wisdom and compassion because Amida Buddha realizes that I am a selfish foolish being who thinks of myself first. But Amida Buddha still embraces me, does not abandon me, and continues to encourage me to take refuge in them and say, "Namo Amida Butsu."

Gassho,
Rev. Cyndi Yasaki



Greetings from the President

Wow! What an amazing Bon Odori we had last month. We weren't sure what to expect, but the community came back in droves to be together for the first time in four years. This year's Bon Odori was one of our most successful ever - but only because of the generous support, time, and dedication of our Temple members, their families, and friends. While this was the first Bon Odori since 2019, there were lessons learned and we will continue to provide a place of community for our Sangha.

Looking ahead in the calendar, we will be fielding a team for a friendly/competitive game of softball against Seattle Betsuin and Tacoma Buddhist Temple on August 12th. It is the first time in many years that the Temple will have a team and a great opportunity to meet with the other Temples in a more casual setting. The recreational game starts at 8 am followed by a round robin tournament. Interested in playing? Or maybe just want to watch? Email me for details!

Finally, we have a wonderful opportunity to give back by hosting a blood drive at the Temple on August 19th from 8am - 2pm. You can sign up now at:

<https://schedule.bloodworksnw.org/DonorPortal/GroupLanding.aspx?s=066C>. Time slots are filling up fast!

Thank you again for all that you do for the Temple. Please feel free to reach out at any time.

Gassho,
Kendall

August Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service**IN PERSON (and Streamed Live) Service****August 13th at 10:30am****www.wrbt.org/service**

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

Tomi Tsuji	1974	Zentaro Tom Maekawa	1994
Shizue Hirose	1975	Mikio Mori	1995
Hikozo Kawasaki	1976	George Shikao Uchida	2004
Harumi Karel Ikuta	1978	Susumu Clifford Hayashi	2004
Tsuki Tanaka	1979	Alice Kazuko Arita	2004
Haru Ikuta	1981	Lorraine K. Mikami	2006
Morito Nishimoto	1981	Masami Arima	2006
Misuno Nishimoto	1985	James Komoto	2013
Shiro Murashige	1989	Ben Teraoka	2015
Oshie Kiyota	1991		

1 year ~ 2022 3 year ~ 2021 7 year ~ 2017 13 year ~ 2011

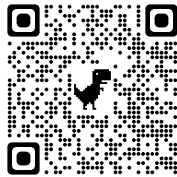
17 year ~ 2007 25 year ~ 1999 33 year ~ 1991 50 year ~ 1974

MEMORIAL SERVICES To remember those that we have lost, Jodo Shinshu has the tradition of holding memorial services in certain years after their passing. If you would like to schedule a service for your loved one who passed in the following years, please contact Rev. Cyndi via email at rev.jikaku.yasaki@wrbt.org.

Service Volunteer Sign Up

Sign up to help with weekly services.

- ◆ Chair service
- ◆ Bring and arrange flowers for the onajin - we can help arrange if you wish.
- ◆ Bring fruit for the onajin
- ◆ Ring Kansho before service



Sign Up at bit.ly/WRBTservice (case sensitive) or contact office@wrbt.org.

Blood Drive

August 19, 8am - 2pm

In partnership with Bloodworks NW, the Temple is hosting a community blood drive. Time slots are filling up fast!

You can sign up now at: <https://schedule.bloodworksnw.org/DonorPortal/GroupLanding.aspx?s=066C>.

ABA

The ABA is in summer recess. Our next scheduled ZOOM meeting is Monday, September 11, 2023. Our next event is a field trip to see the Seattle Mariners vs. LA Angels and Shohei Otani on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 1 pm. Tickets are limited so if interested, be sure to sign up on the sheet on the back bulletin board. A fall field trip to the Seattle Asian Art Museum in Volunteer Park is also being planned during late September or early October.

Buddhism Discussion

We will be taking a break for the summer and resuming our Buddhism Discussion sessions in the fall. If you have any ideas of topics that you would like to explore, contact office@wrbt.org

White River Book Club

We are on break from book club for summer. Here are our plans for fall! I'll make some banners as it gets closer...

September 10 @ 7pm - Women Talking by Miriam Toews

October 15 @ 7pm - The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith

November 12 @ 7pm - Violetta by Isabel Allende

December 10 @ 7pm - Master Slave Husband Wife by Ilyon Woo

Bon Odori Committee

Thank you and Congratulations to all temple members and volunteers that made our White River Buddhist Temple 2023 Bon Odori Festival a resounding success. Attendance and participation were outstanding! Everything seemed to progress smoothly without incident. As for finances, we sold out at most food booths and preliminary reports indicate that revenues exceeded our 2019 Bon Odori. Reviews from participants were also positive. Thank you again! Our post-Obon wrap-up meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2023, after service.

Sign Up for the 76th Northwest District Buddhist Convention

September 15 - 17, 2023

Doubletree Suites by Hilton Seattle Airport - Southcenter

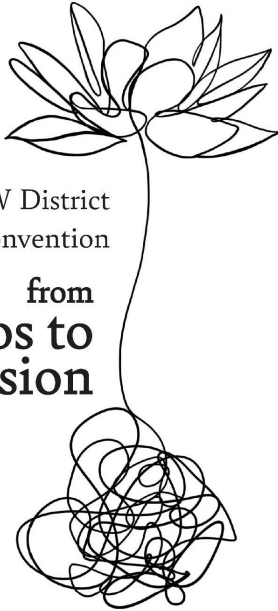
Hosted by: Tacoma Buddhist Temple

Registration is now open for the 76th Northwest District Buddhist Convention! Join hundreds of Sangha members from across the District as we gather around the theme “Chaos to Compassion”. The event will reflect on the past three years of the pandemic while looking forward to a compassionate future.

The guest speaker will be **Reverend Dean Koyama** of the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple.

Deadline to register with White River is **August 13, 2023**. bit.ly/2023nwdconvention (case sensitive)

Tacoma Buddhist Temple presents




76th NW District
Buddhist Convention

from
**Chaos to
Compassion**

September 15-17, 2023

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dean Koyama
DoubleTree Suites by Hilton
16500 Southcenter Parkway, Seattle WA 98117



Payment: If paying by check/cash, you can bring or send your payment to the Temple. If you'd like to pay via credit card, a link to pay will be sent to you (*note: a \$5 surcharge will be applied to credit card transactions*).

Questions? Email us at office@wrbt.org

Stay at the Convention Hotel!

Doubletree Suites by Hilton Seattle Airport - Southcenter

16500 Southcenter Pkwy, Seattle, WA 98188

We encourage you to stay at the hotel if you can. Reservations can be made directly with the hotel using group code: **NDC**.

King or double bed rooms are \$169 plus taxes/fees. If you plan to pay using AARP, Hilton Honors, or other discount plans, please inform the registrar of the group code so your room will be included in the room block.

Buddhist Women's Association

BWA@wrbt.org



In modern times the most outstanding woman leader in the Nishi Hongwanji branch of Jodo Shinshu has been Lady Kujo Takeko (September 7, 1887 – February 7, 1928). Kujo Takeko was the sixth, and youngest, daughter of the Abbot Myonyo (Ohtani Koson), 21st Abbot of the Kyoto

Nishi Hongwanji (Honpa Hongwanji) and Matsubara Fujiko. Kujo Takeko's early education brought her into contact with rich and poor students. Despite her short attendance and being a child of nobility, she gained a feeling for the ordinary person which guided her later social work projects. Kujo Takeko's later aristocratic education was taken over by tutors in temple where she learned many traditional arts such as tea ceremony, koto, Buddhism and languages such as French. Though she was nostalgic for the friends she made in her early schooling, she enjoyed her studies. She was an intelligent and apt student. Kujo Takeko gained a reputation as a representative poet of the early 20th century. In 1920, she published a collection of poems which straightforwardly related her sentiments on the strict upbringing of young women in upper class families, unstained by the world. Takeko's public life began in 1904. Together with her sister-in-law she founded the Buddhist Woman's Association. Kazuko traveled and made speeches, while Takeko ran the office. On February 7, 1928, Lady Kujo contracted blood poisoning due to overexertion from her efforts in the Earthquake reconstruction projects and passed away at the age of 44. We continue to have BWA branches throughout the world. Each time that we reach out to Sangha members and to the community at large we are walking in the footsteps of Lady Kujo.

Please contact BWA President, Georgette I. Magnin (oz.georgette@gmail.com) and V.P Vivian Alexander (vivianalexander97@gmail.com), to let us know what ideas you have for a community outreach project and for fun activities in 2023.

Contact us if you have any questions or if you would like to become a member.

Newsletter Reminder

September newsletter articles are due **Sunday, August 20th**. Please send articles to newsletter@wrbt.org. We encourage you to sign up for our newsletter by email if this is an option for you. **Contact newsletter@wrbt.org or call 253-833-1442 to opt out of the hard copy newsletter.**

Tacoma BWA Bus TRIP

Date: August 26th

Depart: 8:00 am from Tacoma Buddhist Temple
1717 S. Fawcett Ave

Destination: Bainbridge Island

Return time: 6:00 pm


Cost: • Free for Tacoma Buddhist Women's Association members and children 12 and under

• \$25 for Tacoma Buddhist Temple Members & TBWA spouses

• \$40 Non-Tacoma Buddhist Temple members

Join Tacoma BWA members on August 26th for a day full of fun and exploration as we embark on our first bus trip since 2019! We will visit the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, Suyematsu Farms for u-pick Dahlia's, Bainbridge Island downtown corridor for shopping, dining, visiting the Farmer's Market and Historical Museum and a stop at Bainbridge Gardens. We will depart Bainbridge island for Poulsbo for an early dinner stop before heading back to Tacoma.

Please RSVP to Denise Cline to reserve your seat




CBE/IBS/JSIO
SUMMER PACIFIC SEMINAR

WOMEN LIBERATING BUDDHISM

AUG 5, 2023

IN PERSON & VIRTUAL (9am - 3pm)
Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Ave, Berkeley 94704



DR. PAULA ARAI

Paula Arai (Ph.D. in Buddhist Studies, Harvard University) authored *The Little Book of Zen Healing* (2023), *Painting Enlightenment* (2019), *Bringing Zen Home* (2011), and *Women Living Zen* (1999). She is the Eshinni & Kakushinni Professor of Women and Buddhist Studies at the Institute of Buddhist Studies.

REGISTRATION & INFO: <https://tinyurl.com/PacificSeminar>

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from June 21st through July 17th. 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 - \$ 11,521

Shotsuki (Monthly) Memorials

M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	July Shotsuki
Mrs. Lilly Kato	July Shotsuki
Ms. Tessa Asato	In memory of Sayoko Kawasaki
Mr. Joe Watanabe	In memory of Yooko Watanabe
Ms. Lorraine Blackler	In memory of Kiyomi Mizoguchi
Mrs. Katie Komoto	In memory of Tsuruichi Komoto and Amy Kato
Mr. Randy Okimoto	In memory of Tokio Toyoshima
M/M James & Chiho Pewitt	July Shotsuki
Ms. Darlene Yamada	In memory of Ben Yamada
Ms. Karen Yamada	In memory of Ben Yamada
Mrs. Pat Kawabata	In memory of Shiyoji Kawabata
Mrs. Joan Rodgers	In memory of Amy Kato
Mrs. Monica Furtik	In memory of Amy Kato
Ms. Marcia Kato	In memory of Amy Kato
Ms. Susie Taketa	In memory of Amy Kato
Mrs. Hime Suyematsu & Family	In memory of Isamu Suyematsu

Memorials

Mrs. Bette Terada	In memory of Isoko Yoshihara
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Obon

Mrs. Yuki Iwai	Mrs. Tomeko Taketa	M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki
Mrs. Pat Kawabata	Tamio & Takako Uchida	Mrs. Joan Rodgers
Ms. Darlene Yamada	Ms. Kiyomi Taketa-Ozanich	M/M Dennis & Alva Nishimura
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M/M Mark & Sharon Kosai		

Hatsubon

In memory of Anne Mariko LaRue		
M/M Bonnie Natsuhara & Dennis LaRue	Mrs. Katsumi Ito	Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara
M/M Jean & Greg McCormack	Mr. Charles Natsuhara	
Mrs. Connie Toda	In memory of Kiyoi Toda	
Mrs. Gayle Takemura		

Memorial Day Cemetery Service

Ms. Darlene Yamada

General Donations

Mrs. Charlene Grinolds	BCA Endowment
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2023 Pledge Totals

June 1 - 30, 2023

Thank you for your support in 2023!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED			DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
July 6, 2023	\$0	\$33,240	38	\$385	\$27,845
<u>For Comparison</u>					
July 8, 2022	\$0	\$30,440	38	\$2,275	\$26,245

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