

# The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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## Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

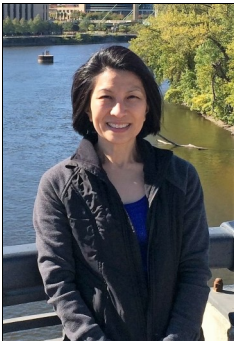
When Mayumi and I visited Japan in May of this year, we had a chance to participate in my father's 50th and brother's 3rd year memorial service.

I recalled the memory from June of 1967; my father had invited me and my younger brother to the hot springs in a Japanese hotel. I was the resident minister at the Oxnard Buddhist Temple in California. I was 27 years old and my brother was 26.

My father said that he was grateful for the gastric cancer. "It gives me a chance to prepare for my death and be able to join with you for dinner and enjoy the conversation." He added, "Don't come home when I die; stay where you could be useful and do what you can do!"

One month after I returned to Oxnard Buddhist Temple, I received a phone call from my mother saying that my father had passed away. "Make yourself useful!" was relayed as a final message from my father.

Gassho, Sensei & Mayumi



## Message from the Chairperson

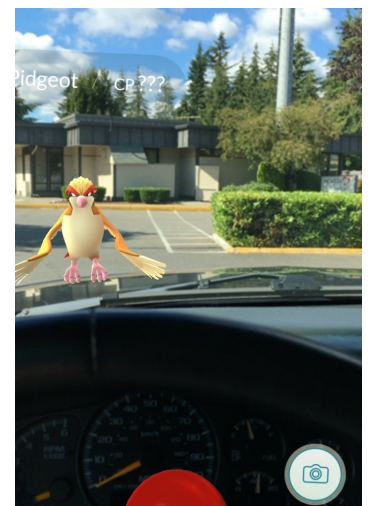
I've always been amazed at how hard our members work for our Temple. Whether it's making the effort to come to the Temple for service, making refreshments, preparing the Onaijin for services, repairing, cleaning, weeding, helping with service, serving on a committee or board, providing your opinion, or rooting from the sidelines - it all makes a difference. It may seem like a small thing that you're doing, but collectively, it has a great impact. Our Temple could not survive without all of you. Your engagement with the Temple is the encouragement to keep moving forward and gives me the confidence that there is a good reason for Temple long range planning. Keep up the great work and positive attitude! Thank you ALL!

Thank you also for calling on all of your friends and relatives to help out at our Obon. With everyone's help, Obon was fun, safe, and successful. Watch next month's newsletter for a message from Obon chair, Randy Okimoto.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. As always, send me your ideas, thoughts, and complaints (not too many). I'd love to hear from you! Otherwise, I'll be out catching Pokemon! →

Sharon Kosai

P.S. Remember to join me on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am for "Pastries with the President." No agenda, No donation, No catch. Just coffee, pastries (or something similar), and good conversation with your fellow Sangha members!



## Museum Exhibit

White River Valley Museum, "Handmade in Camp" exhibit is now open until November 6. The exhibit has items of daily necessity crafted by incarcerated Japanese Americans during World War II. Temple members have loaned items as part of the exhibit. The museum is located at 918 H Street SE in Auburn and is open Wed. - Sun. Noon to 4:00 PM. Learn more at [www.wrvmuseum.org](http://www.wrvmuseum.org)

## Thank You ....

- Lukas Akiyama for cleaning up and purchasing/spreading play chips in the playground area. It looks great!
- Mary Cogger and Craig Cogger for removal of the noxious Tansy weed from the Temple property.

**August Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service  
August 14, 2016 at 11:00 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of August. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, August 14th at 11:00 am. If any names have inadvertently been omitted, please email [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org) or speak with Rev. Ogui to correct our records.

Hiroshi Sagara	1972	Oshie Kiyota	1991
Tomi Tsuji	1974	Zentaro Tom Maekawa	1994
Shizue Hirose	1975	Mikio Mori	1995
Hikoza 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

<b>1 year ~ 2015</b>	<b>3 year ~ 2014</b>	<b>7 year ~ 2010</b>
<b>13 year ~ 2004</b>	<b>17 year ~ 2000</b>	<b>25 year ~ 1992</b>

DESIGNATED MEMORIAL SERVICE YEARS To schedule a family memorial service, please contact [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org) or speak with Rev Ogui.

**Message from Reverend & Mrs. Oda**

Former White River Buddhist Temple resident minister Reverend & Mrs. Harold Oda send their greetings to you. Their message is excerpted from their reply to the invitation for the upcoming NWD BWA-hosted FBWA Conference in October.

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*Please convey our "Hello" to our friends at White River Temple ~ We are both getting old and slow but enjoy thinking of our time at Auburn.*

*Our daughter, Jennifer, who was born there, is now 42 years old with 2 kids - Henry 9, and Nina 6. They live in Brooklyn, NY.*

*RE: FBWA Conference - Reg.*

*... This is to thank you for the upcoming FBWA Conference Invitation we received recently. Also this is to let you know that due to our OLD AGE we will NOT be attending ~ We are most grateful for your kindness in thinking of us.*

*We truly appreciate the enormous work that you folks are putting in, in planning for a successful gathering.*

*At this time we send you our Very Best and much success for hosting this meaningful Buddhist event.*

*Gratefully yours in Gassho,  
Rev. Harold & Kay Oda*

**ABA NEWS**

Josh Nakamura's name was inadvertently left out last month's ABA article. Josh helped run the picnic games; Good job Josh!

The next ABA men's cooking class will be Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, followed by a meeting.

The ABA will start collecting food for the Auburn Food Bank after Obon. We will have a box for collection in the foyer. You can also write a tax-deductible check, payable to Auburn Food Bank.

**TIMELESS FAVORITES  
COOKING CLASS**

Chiho Pewitt will teach Agedashi Dofu (Deep fried tofu in a sauce) & Saba (Mackerel) with Daikon Oroshi (grated radish). Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the back hallway or send an email to [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org).

**Pioneer Cemetery Historic  
Landmark Designation**

The City of Auburn will be holding a public hearing on Thursday August 4, at 7:00 PM in regards to the designation of the Pioneer Cemetery as a local historic landmark. A presentation will be made for the designation and public comment will also be taken. Contact Charles Natsuhara if you have any questions.

### Donations and April Fundraisers

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from June 10th through July 17th. Please contact Ron Murakami, Treasurer, regarding omissions or corrections by phone (253) 845-3062, or by email to ron.murakami@comcast.net. Amount is deleted due to Internet publishing.

#### Obon Service

M/M Bob & Mitzie Akiyama	M/M Ron & Karen Murakami
M/M Dennis & Lillian Asato	Mr Charles Natsuhara
Mrs Lorraine Blackler	Ms Kathryn Natsuhara
Mrs Michi Chihara	Mrs Alice Nishimoto
M/M Jim & Ikuko Dodobara	Mr Randy Okimoto
M/M Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	Mrs Joan Rodgers
M/M Bill & Norma Geenty	M/M Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani
Mr John Hamakami	Mrs Gayle Takemura
Mrs Yuki Iwai	Mrs Tomeko Lloyd Taketa
Mrs Amy Kato	Mrs Betty Tanaka
Mrs Lilly Kato	Ms Laurie Tanaka
Mrs Rosie Kato	Mrs Connie Toda
Mr John Kitagawa	Toyoshima Family
Mrs Katie Komoto	M/M Stan & Mary Tsujikawa
M/M Mark & Sharon Kosai	Mr Dennis Yamashita

#### Hatsubon Memorials

Greg Komoto	In memory of George & Lily Komoto
Jill Komoto	In memory of George & Lily Komoto
M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki	In memory of Hatsue Mizuki-Pike
Ms Michelle Phillips	In memory of Harry Taketa
M/M Tom & Kris Rehon, grandsons Travis & Sean, greatgrandkids Aulelei & Tommy	In memory of Ben Yamada
Family of Harry Taketa	In memory of Harry Taketa
Mrs Carolyn Yamada	In memory of Doug
Ms Darlene Yamada	In memory of Ben Yamada
Ms Karen Yamada	In memory of Ben Yamada
Mrs Yoshiko Yamada	In memory of Ben Yamada

#### July (Shotsuki) Memorials and Other Memorial Donations

M/M Dennis & Lillian Asato	In memory of Sayoko Kawasaki
Mrs Lorraine Blackler	In memory of Kiyomi Mizoguchi
Mrs Rosie Kato	In memory of father Komoto
M/M Shiyoji & Pat Kawabata	In memory of Ish Suyematsu
M/M Shiyoji & Pat Kawabata	In memory of George Kawasaki
Mrs Katie Komoto	In memory of Tsuruichi Komoto
M/M Mark & Sharon Kosai	
David & Joy Meglasson Family	In memory of Sayoko Kawasaki
Mr Randy Okimoto	In memory of Tokio Toyoshima
Hime Suyematsu & Family	In memory of Ish Suyematsu
Mr Joe Watanabe	In memory of Yooko
M/M Al & Janis Yamada	In memory of George Kawasaki
Ms Darlene Yamada	In memory of Ben Yamada
Mrs Yoshiko Yamada	In memory of Ben Yamada

#### Other Donations

M/M Bob & Mitzie Akiyama	Recovery from Illness
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### 2016 Pledge Totals

June 1 - 30, 2016

Thank you for your support in 2016!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
July 1, 2016	-0-	\$26,010	46	\$610	\$17,995

Amount Not Specified for Publishing

\$185-\$499

\$500-\$999

\$1,000-\$4,999

\$5,000-\$9,999

## BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

### Year Round Donations

#### July – August - September

School supplies (backpacks, binders, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, erasers, calculators) and Baby supplies (diapers sizes 4,5,6, wipes, baby or pre-school clothing)

The 2016 BWA Cabinet:	President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Auditor	Norma Geenty Darlene Yamada Connie Toda Pat Kawabata Gayle Takemura
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**Green Box Year-Round Collections.** Please keep those year-round donations coming – school supplies will be in high demand once school resumes, and baby supplies are always needed. On July 1, 62 lbs. was delivered to the Auburn Food Bank, thank you!

**Macy's Shop for a Cause, \$5 Pass.** Passes are on sale now. Please see Karen, Norma, or Darlene for your pass to great savings at Macy's (save 25% all day, all weekend), Friday, August 26 through Sunday, August 28. At the end of June, a deposit was made for \$30, thank you!

**Jul 26, Tues, 3:15-7:00 p.m. - VA Puget Sound Fisher House.** The sign-up sheet to volunteer to help prepare a meal for our grateful veterans and their families is posted.

**Aug 7, Sun, 12 noon. BWA "brown bag" general meeting is postponed until September.** The new date for our BWA general meeting is scheduled for September 11.

**Aug 7, Sun, 1:00–3:00 p.m. – Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations (FBWA) Conference Planning Meeting.** White River BWA is host for this meeting.

**Oct 7-9, Fri-Sun – 44<sup>th</sup> Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations Conference: "Linked in the Nembutsu, Tsunagatte," Westin Hotel – Bellevue.** Show your support for the conference and become a Booster. (A Booster donation form is posted in the hallway. The deadline for submission is August 31.)

This national FBWA conference is open to men and women, and you do not have to be a BWA member. An opportunity to attend an FBWA conference rarely occurs, with the last conference occurring in the 1990s. The cost to register is \$195, and payment is due by August 31. Online registration instructions is posted on the bulletin board and can be found at: <http://buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/2016fbwaconference/>. Hotel reservations are at the special group rate of \$129 per night for up to 4 people. These block of rooms are available through September 7 or until the block is sold out.

We are **seeking volunteers to help with Registration** at the conference, Oct 7 and 8. Karen Murakami will distribute further information on this in the near future. Volunteers do not have to be registered for the conference. A sign-up sheet is posted.

If you have questions about Registration, please contact Karen Murakami.

### Year Round Collections

- Coins for diapers (collection jar in lobby)
- Recycle lightbulbs (collection box in lobby)
- Newspaper and towels for animals in need (On 7/2/16, 2 bags of towels were distributed. Thank you!)

If BWA members wish to submit items for the newsletter, please email them to Darlene Yamada at: [dzy2012@yahoo.com](mailto:dzy2012@yahoo.com).

Gassho,  
 Norma Geenty  
 BWA President

## Walk and Fun Run to End Lung Cancer

Remember to sign up to participate in the Walk and Fun Run to End Lung Cancer to be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> at Seward Park in Seattle beginning at 10 am. Our team is named Friends of Lillian to honor our Sangha member, Lillian Asato who is bravely battling lung cancer. While BWA is organizing this event, we are inviting and encouraging all Sangha members and supporters to join our team.

All those wishing to participate in the Walk-Run may register online at: <http://bit.ly/29RGtgn> and click "Join our Team." Registration fee is \$25 for adults and \$15 for Seniors. There is also a sign up sheet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> bulletin board from the kitchen door.

If you would like to donate, that may also be done online <http://bit.ly/2a8uezzr> or by giving Eva Chun your check. Any questions may be directed to Eva Chun at [chunrandall@hotmail.com](mailto:chunrandall@hotmail.com).

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### Reverend Ogui's Formal Temple Office Hours

Wed - Sat 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Sunday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Religious or other consultations and home visitations are encouraged to be made by appointment Wednesday through Sunday. However, Reverend Ogui is on-call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you have a **non-emergency** need for minister assistance, please call the Temple phone (253-833-1442). If your call is not answered immediately, please leave a message and Rev Ogui will return your call as soon as possible.

If you have an **emergency** need for minister assistance, call Rev. Ogui's cell phone.

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