

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

THREE BOXES

A while ago, I made three boxes which were replaced by wooden boxes, artistically designed by Stan Tsujikawa.

The three boxes are labeled, "Prayer Box" and "Contribution Box for Altar Flowers and Fruits" which are placed in front of the Altar, and the "Question & Suggestion Box" placed on the desk in the foyer.

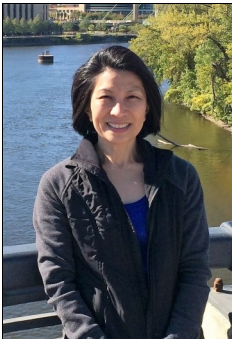
As the resident minister, I am the only one who touches the notes in the Prayer Box out of respect and privacy. Every four months, I conduct a burning ceremony in front of statue of Amida Buddha, to refresh the energy of prayer and renew them.

I am surprised at the unexpected amount of the prayers placed in the box; they are all very sincere and pure prayers. Some people find the meaning of coming to the Sunday service.

The box for Altar Flowers and Fruits is also managed by me, so that those purchasing flowers and fruits are reimbursed immediately. I'm pleasantly surprised that contributions in the box covers the expenses and no Temple funds are necessary to provide the Onaijin flowers and fruit.

I have not received any creative suggestions in the third box yet....

Gassho, Sensei Ogui



Message from the Chairperson

WE did it! Thanks to you, we pulled off another successful fundraiser, our Fall Bazaar. We couldn't have done this without all of your help. I want to especially thank co-chairs, Bill and Norma Geenty for the countless hours that they put in to make this a success! We don't have another major fundraiser in the works for several months, so, let's try to take the opportunity to relax and enjoy the holiday season!

Recently, a friend of mine greeted me with "What is the best thing that happened to you today?" I thought he was joking and I dismissed him. He asked again, "What is the best thing that happened to you today? And I'm serious." I stood there with my mouth open not sure what to say. I thought about it and couldn't think of a thing, to which he said, "Surely, something good has happened today." After about 5 minutes, I replied, "Does it count that I was able to complete several tasks and errands this morning?" He excitedly said, "Yes, and don't you feel good about that?"

Since that encounter, I try to ask myself that same question every day and it has become easier to answer. Sometimes, it's hard to be grateful when I'm busy or things aren't always going the way I'd like. By asking myself, "What is the best thing that happened today," I have found it easier to appreciate the small things in life! I encourage you try it. So, "What is the best thing that happened to YOU today?"

Sharon Kosai

P.S. Remember to join me on November 6th 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!

The Temple extends its deepest sympathies to Gretchen Hanson on the loss of her husband, Jon.

November Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service November 6, 2016 at 11:00 AM

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of November. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, November 6th at 11:00 am. If any names have inadvertently been omitted, please email office@wrbt.org or speak with Rev. Ogui to correct our records.

Tame Tsujikawa	1968	George Tadamichi Kanda	1994
Sengoro Miyoshi	1970	James Masayuki Onchi	1998
Kenzo Arita	1972	Hatsue Okimoto	2000
Masaye Nakai	1976	Chiyeko Nishimura	2003
Jitsu Nakayama	1976	Shizuko Arima	2008
Genichi Nakagawa	1978	Helen Nishimoto	2008
Hiroshi Nakayama	1983	Koko Sutow	2009
Yoneko Fujiye	1989	Mae Yamada	2010
Linda Tsugiye Nishimura	1991	Kimiko Taniguchi	2012
Charles Franklin Moss	1993	Doug Yamada	2015
George Masakatsu Iida	1994	Harry Taketa	2015

1 year ~ 2015

3 year ~ 2014

7 year ~ 2010

13 year ~ 2004

17 year ~ 2000

25 year ~ 1992

DESIGNATED MEMORIAL SERVICE YEARS To schedule a family memorial service, please contact office@wrbt.org or speak with Rev Ogui.

Eitaikyo Service

In this month's newsletter you will find an invitation for the Eitaikyo service, to be held on Sunday, November 20th. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience. For those who receive their newsletter electronically, envelopes will be available at the Temple.

Names of White River members who have passed away will automatically be entered into the Eitaikyo Book on the Onaijin. To add non-members to the Onaijin Book, please contact office@wrbt.org for an Eitaikyo form.

FALL BAZAAR

Despite the storm and Seattle Seahawks football game, our Fall Bazaar was a huge success!!! Our successful 2016 Fall Bazaar was due to everyone's hard work, time and support!! Bill and Norma thank you, Sangha members, families, friends and supporters for helping in this extraordinary undertaking. There were many compliments about our food, produce and Fall Discovery Sale. People began gathering before 11 to buy produce and bake sale items and check out our menu and Fall discovery Sale offerings. We sold out our Teriyaki Chicken within 2 hours of opening along with our pies.

The post-Bazaar meeting will be held on October 26th at 7 pm. All chair reports are due then. The hard copies should be filed in the envelopes or folders provided earlier. If you aren't able to attend the meeting, please send electronic reports to Bill and Norma. These reports will be provided to future bazaar chairs so should include comments and suggestions for their consideration.

Many, many thanks again for assisting us. We truly couldn't have done it without you.

Bill and Norma Geenty, Fall Bazaar Co-Chairs

williamgeenty@comcast.net

“Handmade in Camp” Through November 6, 2016

The White River Valley Museum temporary exhibit, Hand Made in Camp will end on Sunday, November 6th. Temple members have loaned a number of items that are displayed in 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

Timeless Favorites Cooking Class November 12th at 10:00am

The next cooking class will be held on the second Saturday, Nov 12th. The main dish will be Sukiya-ki, taught by Lilly Kato & Pat Kawabata. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the back hallway or send an email to office@wrbt.org There is \$5 supply fee, limited space available.

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from September 12th through October 15th. Because of the deadline for this article, donations for our Fall Bazaar will appear in the next newsletter. Thank you to the many people whose financial donations, as well as their donations of goods, energy, and time help us to stay in existence. Please contact Ron Murakami, Treasurer, regarding omissions or corrections by phone (253) 845-3062, or by email to ron.murakami@comcast.net. Amounts are deleted for internet publishing.

October (Shotsuki) Memorials and Other Memorial Donations

Mrs Lorraine Blackler	In memory of Tsune Onchi
M/M Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	In memory of Mitsuko Hamakami
Mr John Hamakami	In memory of Mitsuko Hamakami
Paul Hopp	In memory of Mieko Igari
Kenneth Kamei	In memory of Kiku Kamasaka
Mrs Amy Kato	In memory of Kenichi Kato, Urano Kato, Tad Kato
Mrs Lilly Kato	In memory of Tad Kato
Mrs Lilly Kato	In memory of Kenichi and Urano Kato
Mrs Rosie Kato	In memory of Father & Mother Kato
Mr John Kitagawa	In memory of Tsune Onchi
M/M Mark & Sharon Kosai	October Shotsuki Hoyo
Mr Charles Natsuhara	In memory of Sen Natsuhara and Haruko Natsuhara
Ms Kathryn Natsuhara	In memory of Sen Natsuhara and May Haruko Natsuhara
M/M Bob & Karen Nishimoto	In memory of Mitsuko Hamakami
M/M Dennis & Alva Nishimura	In memory of Fumiko Nishimura
Kent & Julie Nishimura	In memory of Fumiko Nishimura
Mr Randy Okimoto	In memory of Shig Toyoshima
Toyoshima Family	In memory of Shig Toyoshima

General Donations

Mrs Sally Mizuki	Gift In-kind of heavier nitrile gloves for food prep
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2016 Pledge Totals

September 1 - 30, 2016

Thank you for your support in 2016!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED			DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
Sep 26, 2016	\$900	\$27,960	54	\$1,630	\$25,195
Amount Not Specified for Internet Publishing			Anonymous ²¹	Anonymous ¹³	Anonymous ¹⁰
	Elwyn & Deborah Lapoint				
	Randy Okimoto				

MEDICARE UPDATES by Cho Shimizu Tuesday, Nov 8, 2016 at White River Buddhist Temple

How will Medicare affect you? Cho Shimizu from SHIBA (Statewide Health Insurance Benefit Advisors) will explain Medicare changes. Preventative services, durable medical equipment and drug issues, along with Medicare changes to Health Insurance will be discussed as part of this workshop. Those with drug issues should bring a list of drugs taken. Q&A time follows, so bring your questions to the class!

Tuition: FREE for Annual Nikkei Concerns Members and White River and Tacoma Buddhist Temple / \$10 suggested donation for general public. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 726-6469 or < nhinfo@keironw.org >

https://apm.activecommunities.com/nikkeiconcerns/Activity_Search/medicare-update-by-cho-shimizu-auburn/857

Elections

We will have four (4) open positions on the board at the beginning of 2017. If you or someone you know would like to serve on the White River Buddhist Temple board, please contact any board member.

BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Year Round Donations

October – November - December

(Games, Books, Toys and School Clothing + old towels for shelter animals)

The 2016 BWA Cabinet:	President	Norma Geenty
	Vice President	Darlene Yamada
	Secretary	Connie Toda
	Treasurer	Pat Kawabata
	Auditor	Gayle Takemura

GREEN BOX Year-Round Collections. Please keep those year-round donations coming. Delivery of school supplies to the Auburn Food Bank on Sept 26, came to a total 16.4 lbs. Great job! As we're entering into our fourth quarter, we're concentrating on games, books, toys, school clothing. Cold days are coming, and your unwanted towels are appreciated at the animal shelter.

Macy's Shop for a Cause, \$5 Pass. Update as of 09/26/16: Total passes sold for 2016 = 25; total income to BWA = \$125.00.

Fun Fellowship to Muckleshoot Casino. Five BWA members met at the temple 09/26/16 and carpoled to the Muckleshoot for a few hours of fun and conversation over a buffet lunch. It was so good to see Mary and Stan Tsujikawa who met us there. Stan seemed to be enjoying himself on the machines and, hopefully, went home with extra change!

VA Puget Sound Fisher House. Thank you to Char, Karen, Gayle, Darlene and Yoshiko. Another great meal was prepared, consisting of broccoli-beef stir fry, rice, miso soup with wakame and onions, spinach oshitashi, green salad (variety of lettuce from the Fisher House garden), brownies, and green tea.

Oct 7-9, Fri-Sun – 44th Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations Conference: "Linked in the Nembutsu, Tsunagatte," Westin Hotel – Bellevue. The 3-day conference was a great success! We heard many nice comments from out-of-town guests after their return from Friday's Seattle Exploration Tour with a visit to the Nagomi Tea House/Chihuly Garden and Glass Museum/Pike Place Market. We thank all who attended the conference and to those who supported the conference through your booster donations. Special thank you's go out to these volunteers who helped at the registration table, under the guidance of Karen Murakami: Vivian Geocaris, Gayle Takemura, Sharon Kosai, Melissa Rankin, Lilly Kato, Eva Chun, and Darlene Yamada; and to Ron Murakami for his diligence and support to the conference for audio/video needs.

Nov 27, Sun, 11 a.m. – Eshin-Ni/Kakushin-Ni Family Service - Guest Speaker, Rev. Sala Sekiya, Seattle Betsuin. WR BWA-hosted lunch to follow.

Dec 4, Sun, 12 noon – WRBT BWA Executive Committee meeting.

Dec 11, Sun, 11 a.m. - Bodhi Day Service and lunch. During lunch, WRBT BWA membership meeting and election of officers will take place.

Gassho,
Norma Geenty
BWA President

Year Round Collections

- Coins for diapers (collection jar in lobby)
- Recycle lightbulbs (collection box in lobby)
- Newspaper and towels for animals in need - A box of towels was received and sorted. Large towels were delivered to Regional Animal Services of King County, and the smaller towels were delivered to Inca's Secret. Thank you for thinking of the animals.

ABA NEWS

The Auburn Food Bank box is in the foyer. We will be collecting till the middle of December. Thanks to everyone who contributed for a needy cause.

Dharma School

Dharma school is continuing to hold classes most Sundays, 10 to 11am. These last few weeks, the students have decorated maps of Japan that show the different places where Shinran Shonin lived, and have created "Daruma" banks in which they can store slips of paper with their good deeds. When full, they may be exchanged for a fun prize! Let friends and family with children know about our Dharma school classes so that more children may enjoy them. Also let either Mary or me know if you are interested in helping out in class or in teaching a class. Hope to see you at Dharma school!

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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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