

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

“Try neither to be a conclusion seeker nor to be a perfectionist!”

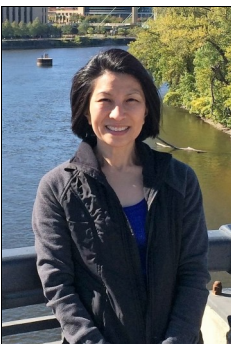
We have a tendency to seek the conclusion, and therefore, create frustrations and disappointments because we expect the conclusion of what we have set.

We also unconsciously set a perfect result to one's self and others so that we create frustrations and disappointments, and we are the ones who suffer from them.

I learned that there's significance in the way of becoming.

The Nirvana (perfect Enlightenment) has the significance of being on the way to enlightening, not the conclusion. The perfect result also has a meaning on the way of doing.... “Almost is good enough!”

Gassho, Sensei Ogui



Message from the Chairperson

Recently, I had the opportunity to dog-sit my son and daughter-in-law's very cute, smart puppy, named Pompey, while they were on vacation. My expectations of a fun two weeks were not realized as he began to pee all over the house, jump onto the sofa, whine constantly when further than a foot away, and stole my dog Divot's breakfast.

After a few exhausting days of keeping eagle eyes on him, getting nothing else done, and becoming impatient, new rules were put in place. Using what I learned while training Divot for the past 7 years, everything changed. He no longer jumped on the sofa, waited quietly until someone paid attention, waited until he had permission to eat, rang the bells to go outside, and best of all, he no longer relieved himself inside of the house!

Why the change? I had expectations that the cute little puppy would be a piece of cake to dog-sit. But what I forgot was that he was in unfamiliar territory, without the people that he loved the most, without his cat siblings to keep him company, and exhausted from all of that stress. Wouldn't you be crabby too? Once we were more consistent and set some rules in place, he understood what was expected of him and life for all of us became more pleasant.

If I simply thought about what he was thinking and feeling, and ignored my preconceived notion of how he would behave, maybe I would have saved a couple of days of carpet cleaning.

I'm sure that we've all felt like Pompey at one time or another. What dog-sitting reminded me is that we never know what others are going through as they put on a brave face in life. I need to gain patience to observe and listen, and to be compassionate and avoid judgment because I am not in their shoes (or paws). I hope we can all learn a lesson from Pompey.

Sharon Kosai

P.S. Remember to join me on September 18th 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!



Pompey and Divot

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

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of September. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, September 11th 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.

Toku Norikane	1968	Jack Schilthroat	2002
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		

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.

Auburn Pioneer Cemetery Historic Landmark Designation

The City of Auburn and King County Landmarks Commission held a public hearing on Thursday August 4, to consider the Landmark Designation for the Pioneer Cemetery. A presentation was made for the designation and public testimony taken. At the end of the hearing the commission voted to approve the cemetery as a local historic landmark. With this designation the cemetery will now be eligible for funds to make improvements at the cemetery. In the future the City of Auburn will be looking to the temple for input on the preservation, restoration and use of the Auburn Pioneer Cemetery.

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 has also captured memories from Stan Tsujikawa, Stogie Kawabata, and Katie Komoto. These videos can be viewed online at <http://bit.ly/2bMXFbu>

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

September 10th at 10:00am

The Timeless Favorites cooking class will feature Japanese Curry & sides by 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 a \$5 supply fee.

October 1st at 10:00am

Gayle Takemura will be having a class on how to roll makisushi on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 10:00 am. First time rollers are welcome as well as those of you that have rolled before. You can call it a refresher class. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the back hallway or send an email to office@wrbt.org by Sept. 10. There is \$5 supply fee.

Painting Volunteers Needed!!

The Facilities Committee would like to ask for volunteers to help paint the south side of the temple during the period August 22 through September 2nd. We anticipate sanding the trim will begin on August 22 or 23rd and pressure washing, taping, priming and painting will follow. So, if you have time to volunteer for a couple of 4 hour work sessions during that time, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Randy Okimoto at reokimoto@comcast.net.

2016 White River Bon Odori message from the chairman

First, I want to thank everyone for all their hard work in making our 2016 White River Bon Odori Festival an overwhelming success. Based on the comments that I have received, everyone enjoyed themselves immensely at our quaint and friendly Bon Odori festival. It is very heartwarming to hear such universally positive comments from the dancers, entertainers, and workers alike. In fact, when I drove the 4 Green River volunteers back to their apartments, they laughed and sang Japanese songs all the way back. Like everyone, they had a great time. From a financial perspective, we also exceeded expectations. As of August 11, our gross receipts are up \$3,700 or 23% from 2015. Estimated net revenues are up \$4,300 or 39% (Adjusted for an anticipated \$240 expense for police security).

Next, I would like to specifically thank the Bon Odori Dance instructors for all their hard work in learning the dances, teaching them at practices, and performing not only at our Bon Odori, but the Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia events as well. I would also like to thank Alva, for her ingenuity in creating our new and highly popular pork teriyaki bowl. And, finally, Genie Lau for recruiting the extra dozen or so volunteers that allowed the rest of the sangha some time to rest and enjoy the event.

In Gassho,
Randy Okimoto, Bon Odori Chairman

Keiro NW - LIFE TRANSITIONS PART II - PLANNING AHEAD AS A CAREGIVER Sunday, Sept 18th at 12:45-2:30 pm

When you have a loved one who needs care, you step in and do whatever you can...but how do you recognize when it's become too much for you to handle alone? What options do you have and who can you turn to for help? What do you need to do to take care of yourself?

Join us for a panel discussion with Kara Mayeda, Director of Keiro Northwest Home & Community Based Services, Naoko Ulstein, Director of Kokoro Kai Adult Day Center, Lisa Waisath, Manager, Nikkei Manor Assisted Living and Tibi Botocan of A1 Senior Care Advisors. They will discuss options & resources so you don't have to do it all on your own.

When: Sunday, September 18, 12:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: White River Buddhist Temple.

Keiro NW Tuition: Suggested donation at the door: \$10 Annual Member \$15 Non-Annual Members.

ABA NEWS

The next ABA men's cooking class will be Sept. 12th at 10:00 am, followed by a meeting. Anyone interested in participating is welcome!

The ABA is collecting food for the Auburn Food Bank. The collection box is in the foyer or you can write a tax-deductible check, payable to Auburn Food Bank.

Dharma School

September 25th will start the 2016-17 Dharma school year. This year, Mary and I plan to hold one hour long classes most weeks. Please let either of us know if you are interested in helping out in class or in teaching a class.

FALL BAZAAR

October 16, 11AM – 3PM

Our last major fundraiser of this year is the Fall Bazaar. This year's Bazaar co-chairs are Bill and Norma Geenty, who are already hard at work, planning this event; chairing an event is difficult and your support is appreciated. Since we no longer use the Toban system, we will be requesting that everyone sign up for a job on the sign-up sheets which will be posted at the Temple and online around mid-September. For questions/comments, contact Bill or Norma or leave a message at the Temple, 253-833-1442 || office@wrbt.org. Donations of handicrafts, produce, and baked goods will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your Dana.

Newsletter by Email

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please contact newsletter@wrbt.org



Thank You

- Justin Tannahill for procuring and installing the "No Exit, Please no U-turn" signs at the entrance.

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from July 18th through August 14th. 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 due to internet publishing.

August (Shotsuki) Memorials and Other Memorial Donations

M/M Bill & Norma Geenty	In memory of Shiro Murashige
Mrs Charlene Grinolds	In memory of Tomi Tsuji
Mrs Rosie Kato	In memory of James Komoto
Mrs Katie Komoto	In memory of James Komoto
M/M Mark & Sharon Kosai	In memory of Dad
Yoshie Kosai	In memory of Lily Komoto & George Komoto
Emily Maschment	In appreciation for private memorial service for Takako Kogei
M/M Allan & Ronalee Mizoguchi	In memory of Hiroto & Kiyomi Mizoguchi
M/M Allan & Ronalee Mizoguchi	In memory of Yuki Kitagawa
Mrs Alice Nishimoto	In memory of Morito Nishimoto
M/M Dennis & Alva Nishimura	In memory of George Uchida
M/M Dennis & Alva Nishimura	In memory of Susumu Hayashi
Ms Miyuki Peterson	In memory of George Uchida
Sandra Watanabe	In memory of M/M George Watanabe & Shari Watanabe
Mrs Carolyn Yamada	In memory of Hiroshi Sagara, husband of Doris and father to Carolyn

Other Donations

Anonymous	In appreciation for Obon Festival
BCA Dana Program	BCA Dana donation, Charlene Grinolds
Amy Dodobara-Doran	Honeywell International Charitable Gift Program
Teruko Jolly	Obon Festival
Kiwanis Club of Kent	Use of kitchen
Kroger/Fred Meyer	Community Rewards Program
Genie Lau	Gift in-kind donations to support Obon Festival sales
Alton & Lynette Miyamoto	In appreciation for Obon Festival
NW Young Buddhist League	In appreciation for Obon Festival
Rev. & Mrs. Ogui	In appreciation for trip to Steveston Buddhist Temple
Rev. & Mrs. Ogui	Donation of honorarium from Spokane Buddhist Temple for Obon Service guest speaker
Ms Miyuki Peterson	Obon Service
Mrs Chiho Pewitt	Gift in-kind donation to support Obon Festival boutique sales
Herman & Peggy Rapozo	In appreciation for Obon Festival
Sovren Guild CHMC	In appreciation for use of kitchen
Mrs Mitsuko Terada	Obon Service

2016 Pledge Totals

July 1 - 31, 2016

Thank you for your support in 2016!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED			DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
July 31, 2016	\$1,050	\$27,060	49	\$3,250	\$21,245

Amount Not Specified due to Internet Publishing

Sherry Hansen Lee Rome Alice Nishimoto Gayle Takemura
 Carolyn Yamada
 Charlene Grinolds

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 19 additional items were delivered to The Auburn Foodbank, total weight 13.4 pounds. Thank you for your generous contributions!

July 26, Tues, 3-7:30 p.m. - VA Puget Sound Fisher House. Thank you to Karen Murakami, Charlene Grinolds, Sally Mizuki, Gayle Takemura, and Vivian Geocaris for preparing this month's meal consisting of fried rice, somen, a variety of cooked vegetables and salad greens picked fresh from the VA garden, apple pie/ice cream, and peach ice tea.

Aug 4, Thurs, 9:00-1:40 p.m. – Fun Fellowship - Emerald Queen Casino (EQC). Thank you to Karen Murakami and Janis Yamada who provided transportation to the EQC. A total of 11 ladies made the outing. It was a perfect day with warm weather, a few hours to play, and a chance to relax and enjoy a grand buffet.

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

Aug 13, Sat, 8:00 a.m. – Breathe Deep Seattle. All temple members were invited to walk/run/donate for the 2.4-mile walk to end lung cancer, at Seward Park, to show support for our Lillian Asato.

Sept 11, Sun, 12 noon – BWA General Membership Meeting. Brown bag session. Your attendance is requested as White River BWA is responsible for the smooth operation of the Registration Desk at the FBWA Conference, October 7-9, Bellevue.

Sept 18, Sun, 12:45-2:30 p.m. – Keiro NW Class – Life Transitions Part II. Description: "Planning Ahead as a Caregiver." Light snack served. Suggested donation at the door: \$10 Annual Member; \$15 Non-Annual Member.

Sept 19, Mon, 3-7:30 p.m. - VA Puget Sound Fisher House. Sign-up sheet to volunteer to prepare a meal for our veterans and their families will be posted shortly.

Oct 7-9, Fri-Sun – 44th Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations Conference: "Linked in the Nembutsu, Tsunagatte," Westin Hotel – Bellevue. The cost to register is \$195, and payment is due by August 31. Online registration instructions are posted on the bulletin board and can be found at: <http://buddhistchurchesofamerica.org/2016fbwaconference>.

Nov 25, Sat, 3-4:30 p.m. – Guest Speaker, Rev. Sala Sekiya, Seattle Betsuin.

Nov 26, 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.

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

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!)

Gassho,
 Norma Geenty
 BWA President

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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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