

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Minister's Greetings

Our Onaijin (altar), which is the center of our Temple, has been enhanced by many dedicated members over many years.

Three tables for flowers, candles, and incense burners, and a stand for the small gong were designed and created by the late Stan Tsujikawa in the 1970's. In addition, he made two tables in October, 2015.

Four pieces of Uchishiki (altar table covers) for special services were ordered from Japan and donated by the Terada family in April, 2012.

In September 2013, I was honored to select and order the Misu Screens at the front of the altar, which were paid by the Naijin fund.

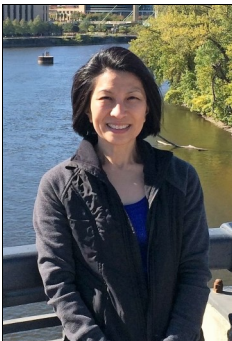
Four wall-mounted frames were envisioned and designed by Dennis Nishimura, and administrated by William Geenty, the president in June, 2015.

The drapes to cover the accordion curtains in front of the Altar were donated by Yoshiko Yamada family in memory of husband and father, Ben Yamada in October, 2015.

Most recently, six brass articles, Mitsugusoku (three-element-arrangement) for the tables were ordered from Japan and donated anonymously in memory of their parents in May 2017. These included two sets each of incense burners, candle holders, and flower vases.

The Onaijin is now consistent with the recommendations of the Buddhist Churches of America.

Gassho. Rev. Koshin Ogui



Message from the Chairperson

Can we all take a collective sigh of relief? Thanks to the leadership of Chairperson Randy Okimoto, the large number of volunteers, dancers, and supporters, our Bon Odori was a success! I hope it didn't take you long to recover from all of the hard work!

Watching the dancing, Rev. Ogui and I had a conversation. He remarked how amazing it was that so many people come out to Obon and enjoy themselves even though they're dancing a dance they've never done, they most likely don't understand the words to the music, and for many, it's a different culture and a different religion. The reason? COMMUNITY. That's what anyone who loves their community does. They support and engage with others regardless of their race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, ethnicity, or national origin. I feel very fortunate to belong to a community like this!

We will be taking a break from services and activity at the Temple from August 21st - September 8th. If you have an emergency, contact Rev. Ogui on his cell phone and he will make arrangements to meet your needs. For other needs, contact office@wrbt.org. Enjoy the summer break and we will look forward to see what programs we will be offering in the fall!

Thank you for all that you do for the Temple!

Sharon Kosai

P.S. Remember to join me on August 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!

**August Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
August 6, 2017 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 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.

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

1 year ~ 2016 3 year ~ 2015 7 year ~ 2011 13 year ~ 2005
17 year ~ 2001 25 year ~ 1993 33 year ~ 1985 50 year ~ 1968

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

48th White River Bon Odori

I want to thank everyone for their hard work in making the 48th Annual White River Buddhist Temple Bon Odori Festival a success. Despite having to compete with the Bite of Seattle and the very warm weather, our Bon Odori was well attended. Preliminary financial results suggest that this year's sales should be pretty close to last year's record.

I also want to thank everyone on their cooperation in utilizing our new internet sign-up process. The Sign-up Genius website allows us to recruit the many additional volunteers needed to put on Bon Odori. Because the sign-up sheet specifies a definite time and task to be performed, people are more likely to volunteer. It takes well over a hundred volunteers to properly staff our Bon Odori.

I would also like to report that the GRCC volunteers thoroughly enjoyed our Bon Odori. Some said that they were surprised by the large number of Japanese-Americans. Others commented that White River's Bon Odori was even larger than some in Japan. They all agreed, however, that our Bon Odori reminded them of "Home".

Randy Okimoto, Bon Odori Chairman

**2017 Pledge Totals
June 1 - 30, 2017**

Thank you for your support in 2017!

PLEDGES DECLARED			DOLLARS COLLECTED		
Date	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
July 2, 2017	\$950	\$18,350	32	\$1540	\$15,620
Amount Not Specified for Internet Publishing			Anonymous #9	Rosie Kato	John Kitagawa
\$185-\$499					
\$500-\$999					
\$1,000-\$4,999					
\$5,000-\$9,999					

Newsletter by Email

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

Thank You...

* JR Pewitt for setting up the motion detector and making lighting changes to increase safety and security around the Temple.

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from June 19th through July 16th. 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. **Amount not specified for internet publishing.** Dennis Asato and family encouraged any donations in memory of Lillian Asato be contributed to White River Buddhist Temple (WRBT) and two temples in Hawaii. The Asato family forwarded checks written directly to WRBT and provided a single check for the remaining contributions received during the service at our temple, along with names of donors. Also included are names of donors who mailed in checks directly to WRBT. My apologies for errors in spelling and listing of family members that may have occurred in transferring the data. Please contact Ron Murakami, Treasurer, regarding omissions or corrections by phone (253) 8435-3062, or by email to ron.murakami@comcast.net

Obon Service

M/M Bob & Mitzie Akiyama	M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai
M/M Randy & Eva Chun	M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki
M/M Jim & Ikuko Dodobara	M/M Ron & Karen Murakami
M/M Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	Mr Charles Natsuhara
M/M Bill & Norma Geenty	Ms Kathryn Natsuhara
Mrs Charlene Grinolds	Mrs Joan Rodgers
Mr John Hamakami	Mrs Jean Masae Sakagami
Mrs Audrie Hayes	M/M Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani
Mrs Yuki Iwai	Mrs Gayle Takemura
Mrs Amy Kato	Mrs Tomeko Lloyd Taketa
Mrs Lilly Kato	M/M Alvin & Mitsuko Terada
Mrs Rosie Kato	Mr Joe Watanabe
M/M Shiyoji & Pat Kawabata	Ms Darlene Yamada
Mr John Kitagawa	Mrs Yoshiko Yamada
Mrs Katie Komoto	Mr Dennis Yamashita

Memorial Service for Lillian Asato as of July 16, 2017

Jerry & June Akita	Warren Haraki	Bonnie Kurata
Robert & Mitzie Akiyama	Laurel Hata	Dr BJ Lee & Dr Setsu Murakami
Vivian Alexander	Grace Hatano	Miyoko Maitland
Mae Arima & Bob Arima	Bill Hirai	Bob & June Maki
Scott & Misako Arima	Jeff & Vivian Hiroo	Ron & Janice Matsuura
Anne M. Asato & Linda Asato	Shinya & Jayne Ichikawa	Gail Edward & Louise Meier
M/M Thomas Asato	Gary & Elaine Ikuta	Walter & Kathleen Menda
Janet Baba	M/M Keith Iwamoto	Gary & Dianne Mikasa
Mike & Theresa Helm Buckman	Jayne & Randy Kameshige	Wayne & Sally Mizuki & family
David Chin	Alyssa & Brady Kameshige	Yukio & Karen Morikubo
Jeff Chun & family	Gail Kaminishi	Karen Kawate Moyer
Randy & Eva Chun	Stan & Leburta Kanno	Ron & Karen Murakami
Sachiko T. Chun	Amy Kato	Myrna S. Nakamura
Jim & Ikuko Dodobara	Lilly Kato	Kimi Nakano
Phil Dogen	Rosie Kato	Charles Natsuhara
Susan Dogen & Ken Kluge	Stogie & Pat Kawabata	Kathryn Natsuhara
Gilbert & Grace Fujiyoshi	M/M Daryl Kawoka	Mabel Nishizaki
Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	Doug Kawasaki & Olivia Stone	Steph Ojima
Alan & Carolyn Fukushima	Marilyn Kawasaki	Randy Okimoto
Monica Furtick	Roy & Karen Kawasaki	Okinawa Kenjin Club
Bill & Norma Geenty	Russ Kawasaki & Dr K. Stanley	Richard Oshiro
Irene Goto	Goro Kinoshita	Val Oshiro
Char & Lorin Grinolds	Patrick & Ikuko Kishaba	Rev. Bob & Patti Oshita
John Hamakami	Bill, Kim & Keenan Komoto	Valerie & Gerald Pang
Mas & Setsu Hamamoto	Cliff Komoto	Melissa Rankin & Joseph Berens
Rev Matt Hamasaki & Michelle	Katie Komoto	Jeff & Lois Saito & family
Dennis & Laurie Hara	Akio & Sumiko Kono	Garett & Tomoko Sakamoto
Sharon Harada	Kendall Kosai & Maria Manalac	Greg & Diana Sakamoto
	Mark & Sharon Kosai & family	Pauline Sakuma

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials

Mrs Lorraine Blackler	In memory of Kiyomi Mizoguchi
Mrs Monica Furtick	In memory of Yooko Watanabe
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Mrs Monica Furtick	In memory of Yooko Watanabe
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 Kawabata

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Mr John Kitagawa	In memory of Kiyomi Mizoguchi
Mrs Katie Komoto	In memory of Tsuruichi Komoto
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	July Shotsuki
Mr Randy Okimoto	In memory of Tokio Toyoshima
Mr Joe Watanabe	In memory of Yooko Watanabe
Al Yamada Family	In memory of George Kawasaki
Ms Darlene Yamada	In memory of Ben Yamada
Mrs Yoshiko Yamada	In memory of Ben Yamada

General and Hatsubon Donations

Mrs Lorraine Blackler	Obon - In memory of Hiroto & Kiyomi Mizoguchi
Kiwanis Club of Kent - AM Service	Kitchen use to prepare meals for the homeless
M/M Dennis & Alva Nishimura	Hatsubon for Yasumi Kinoshita
Sovren Guild	Kitchen use for Children's Hospital SOVREN Guild Races
M/M Alvin & Mitsuko Terada	Devin Terada graduation from high school
Mr Marvin Terada	In appreciation for use of temple

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION –July 18, 2017

Belatedly, our sincere condolences to Alva Nishimura and her family on the passing of her Mother, Mrs. Yasumi Kinoshita and to Dennis Asato and his family on the passing of our dear friend, Lillian.

Donations to Inca's Secret, Darlene Yamada delivered the following:

- May- 6 bags of newspapers
- June- 6 bags of newspapers
- Jul- 4 bags of newspapers and 1 bag of towels

Donations to King County Animal Shelter, and also these:

- Jun- 2 mattress pads

WRBT BWA will not be participating in the Macy's special discount passes this year due a change in their processing procedures. If anyone has any questions on this, please contact Karen Murakami.

Year-Round Collections

- **Green Box July-August-September** School supplies (backpacks, binders, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, calculators) and Baby supplies (diapers sizes 4,5,6, baby or preschool clothing).
- **Coins** for diapers (collection jar in lobby)
- **Recycle lightbulbs** (collection box in lobby)
- **Newspaper and towels** for animals in need (see Darlene Yamada)

WR BWA gratefully acknowledges receipt of a donation from Mr. Goro Kinoshita for generous donation in memory of Mrs. Yasumi Kinoshita.

Breathe Deep Seattle Walk and Fun Run

The annual Breathe Deep Seattle Walk and Fun run to End Lung Cancer will be held on August 19, 2017 at Seward Park starting at 8:30 am with check-in and registration. WRBT BWA is again sponsoring a team, Friends of Lillian to honor our dear late friend, Lillian Asato. The event is a 2.4 mile walk and fun run. A flyer announcing this fun time is on the BWA bulletin board. Donations may also be made directly to LUNGevity <http://bit.ly/2uFUh9n> (case sensitive) or to Eva Chun. Please contact Eva at chunrandall@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Newsletter

September news articles are due August 13th. Please send your articles to newsletter@wrbt.org

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

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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