

# The White Path

## Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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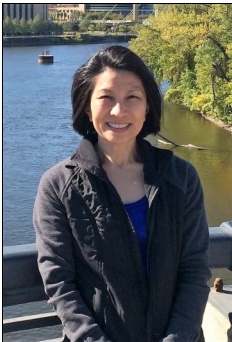


### Minister's Greetings for the New Year 2017

A new year has opened up to greet you with, "How are you?"

Thank you for your vote to accept Mayumi and me to work with you for another year. My motto is, "Challenge one's life to seek a meaning of life in uncertainty and do not afraid to try the new things out and do not afraid to make a mistake."

Gassho, Rev. Koshin and Mayumi Ogui



### Message from the Chairperson

First, I'd like to thank all of you for voting to bring back Rev. Ogui and Mayumi for another year. When his current contract expires in April of this year, his new contract will take effect immediately, effective May 1, 2017. I look forward to working with them as we move forward with our future plans with the Temple.

Recently, I attended an Auburn Area Chamber luncheon where the guest speaker talked about listening. He said, "Be present with the one you're listening to."

Sometimes, when talking to someone, I'll ask a question and my mind starts wandering about something else. I start thinking, "What a pretty sweater she's wearing," or "Lunch smells really good," or "Nice purse!" It's so rude to not pay full attention and I can't seem to help it. My mind keeps chattering away and I'm hearing but I'm not truly listening. When I walk away, sometimes, I have no idea what the answer to my question was. Then I have to ask the question again which then makes it look like I have dementia.

Being present in the moment allows us not only to learn something new, but to enjoy others more fully. Sometimes, we can even read an expression on someone's face who might be saying that they're fine, but their facial expression says otherwise.

"Being present with the one you're listening to" will be something that I will be working harder at. For those of you who recognize yourself in me, join me in trying to be more present in the moment and the next time you see me, you can call me out if you think I'm not really present in the moment!

Sharon Kosai

P.S. Remember to join me on February 5th 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!

### Planning

Now that 2017 is well underway, the Planning Committee is busily implementing the Programs approved by our Sangha at the November General Meeting:

Program A – Develop Mutually Beneficial Relationships with Organizations

Program B – Complete and publish the written history of WRBT

Program C – Create Easy-to-Understand Introductory documents to WRBT

Program D – Present the Dharma with Theme-based Teachings and Practice

You can expect to see aspects of each Program roll-out in the coming months. One of our basic tenets is that Everyone will be able to participate and/or benefit directly from some aspect of each Program. No, this doesn't mean we're going to ask you to do a bunch of work or donate \$, but we hope you will provide feedback to make the Programs presented better (or ideas for new Programs). Note, these are NOT "do it once and everything's fixed" programs, but part of an ongoing effort to make WRBT a vibrant, comfortable and safe place to share the Dharma.

**February Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service  
February 5, 2017 at 11:00 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of February. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, February 5th 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.

Kishino Yamagata	1974	Kazuo Tsujikawa	1992
Setsu Yanagawa	1979	Mary Yukie Sakuma	2002
Haru Miyoshi	1980	Judy Schilthroat	2006
Kart Funai	1980	Dorothy Yaguchi	2010
Steven Takeo Tsuji	1987	Lily Yoshie Komoto	2016
Michael James Hamasaki	1991		

<b>1 year ~ 2016</b>	<b>3 year ~ 2015</b>	<b>7 year ~ 2011</b>	<b>13 year ~ 2005</b>
<b>17 year ~ 2001</b>	<b>25 year ~ 1993</b>	<b>33 year ~ 1985</b>	<b>50 year ~ 1968</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.

**LIFE TRANSITIONS PART 3 - HOSPICE CARE**

Sunday, March 26, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm @ WRBT

Feel free to bring your brown bag lunch

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

Join us as we discuss Hospice and how Hospice services can help you. Our discussion will include: how Hospice has changed over the last years - it's not what it used to be! You'll learn what to expect from Hospice care, who your Hospice team is, Medicare coverage of Hospice services, and how Hospice can help you and your family live well at the end of life. **Jodi Inman** has worked in healthcare in many capacities for over 30 years, starting as Admitting Clerk then as Department Manager and now as Hospice Specialist. She has spent 3 years with Kindred and has a special interest in seniors and Alzheimer's. Jodi is Washington born and raised and is married with 4 dogs.

**Dharma School**

We have a returning Dharma school teacher on board this year, Alva Nishimura! She will be helping Ruth and Mary and has some great classes planned. January 15th she helped the students make delicious cupcakes to supplement the Shinnenkai lunch. There were three different flavors, with frosting and sprinkles. The students did a great job, thanks Alva! For future classes there are plans for Valentine's day crafts, practice for chairing services, and woodworking crafts. Upcoming classes will be on January 22nd and 29th, and on February 5th, 12th, and 26th at 10 am. Hope to see you there!

**ABA**

Then next ABA men's cooking class and meeting will be held on February 13th at 10:00am. All are welcome to join us.

**2016 Pledge Totals**

Dec 1 – 31, 2016

Thank you for your support in 2016!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		DOLLARS COLLECTED		
	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
January 4, 2017	\$6,060	\$42,340	87	\$7,140	\$41,350

**Amounts Not Specified for Internet Publishing**

Alice Nishimoto	Darlene Suyematsu	John Hamakami	Carolyn Yamada
Mayumi Terada	Dennis Yamashita		
Amy Kato	Yaeko Mikami		

### Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from December 19th through January 15th. As listed under general donations, the temple received a very generous contribution from the estate of Mr. Ben Teraoka. Ben was a lifetime member of our temple who passed away on August 22, 2015. Ben was a dedicated contributor who often volunteered his skills and time to the betterment of White River Buddhist Temple, never hesitating in working to fix anything that had been broken. He made plans early on to provide a donation at the time of his death from his estate to the temple, knowing our financial needs. He was especially appreciative of the continued contact and encouragement from temple members after he was no longer able to live independently but needed the care of a group family home.

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](mailto:ron.murakami@comcast.net). Amounts not specified for internet publishing.

#### Ho-onko Service

M/M Bob & Mitzie Akiyama

Anonymous

M/M Dennis & Lillian Asato

Mrs Michi Chihara

M/M Craig & Yukiko Dow

M/M Bill & Norma Geenty

Vivian Geocaris

Mrs Audrie Hayes

Mrs Yuki Iwai

Mrs Lilly Kato

Mrs Rosie Kato

M/M Shiyoji & Pat Kawabata

Mrs Katie Komoto

M/M Mark & Sharon Kosai

M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki

M/M Ron & Karen Murakami

Mr Charles Natsuhara

Ms Kathryn Natsuhara

Mrs Doris Sagara

M/M Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani

Mrs Gayle Takemura

Mrs Tomeko Lloyd Taketa

Mrs Betty Tanaka

Ms Laurie Tanaka

Mrs Mitsuko Terada

M/M Stan & Mary Tsujikawa

Mr Joe Watanabe

Mrs Carolyn Yamada

Ms Darlene Yamada

Mrs Yoshiko Yamada

Mr Dennis Yamashita

#### January Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials and Other Memorial Donations

M/M Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai

Mrs Charlene Grinolds

John Hamakami

Mrs Audrie Hayes

Mrs Yuki Iwai

Mrs Rosie Kato

M/M Mark & Sharon Kosai

Mrs Alice Nishimoto

Mr Randy Okimoto

Mrs Joan Rodgers

Mrs Doris Sagara

Mrs Carolyn Yamada

In memory of Yosokichi and Sui Hamakami

In memory of Masao Tsuji

In memory of Yosokichi and Sui Hamakami

In memory of Uncle, Tom Masao Sutow

In memory of Sunao Iwai

In memory of George Komoto

January Shotsuki

In memory of Yoshi Nishimoto

In memory of Frank Okimoto

In memory of Shizumi Fujimura

In memory of Tase Sagara, Mother-in-law

In memory of Tase Sagara, Grandma

#### General Donations

Anonymous

Fumiko Uyeda Groves

Mrs Audrie Hayes

Kiwanis Club of Kent-AM Service

M/M Dennis & Alva Nishimura

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Estate of Ben Teraoka

Gift In-kind: desserts for Bonnenkai & Bodhi Day lunch  
general donation

In appreciation for newsletter

general donation

Joya-E

New Year!

Bequeathed to White River Buddhist Temple

#### Newsletter by Email

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please contact [newsletter@wrbt.org](mailto:newsletter@wrbt.org)



#### Thank you...

Bob Akiyama for coordinating the repair of the refrigerator.



**WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION – January 15, 2017**

**Congratulation to our 2017 BWA cabinet!** If anyone has ideas for BWA outings, fundraising, or donations, please share your ideas with a cabinet member.

President	Norma Geenty
Vice President	Mary Cogger
Secretary	Connie Toda
Treasurer	Pat Kawabata
Auditor	Gayle Takemura

**Date Change: January 30, Monday, 3:00 P.M. Fisher House Meal Prep**

**Feb 17-19, Fri-Sun – 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Northwest Buddhist Convention**

Location: DoubleTree Suites – Southcenter.

**A big thank you to everyone.** From October to December the temple members donated items fto the Green Box. We delivered 10 lbs. of toys, gifts, and toiletries to the Auburn Food Bank on 12/19/2016.

### Year-Round Collections

- **Green Box Jan-Mar** Paper supplies including toilet tissues, Kleenex, paper towels, Kleenex, hygiene supplies including hand & body wipes.
- **Coins** for diapers (collection jar in lobby)
- **Recycle lightbulbs** (collection box in lobby)
- **Newspaper and towels** for animals in need (see Darlene Yamada)
- On Jan 14, 7 bags of newspapers and several bath towels were delivered to Inca's Secret.



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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.

To Email the Temple office: [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org)

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