

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Minister's Greetings

What I learned from Lillian Asato

I was very impressed by how Lillian had accepted the diagnosis of cancer, and also by the acceptance by her husband Dennis and their family members.

Since the family had accepted things as they are, Lillian was able to extend her "Thank you" to family members and visitors. In turn, the family members did whatever they could do in love and gratefulness. The time for them was and still is a gracious gift for them.

The energy which was created from both sides was and still is calm, peaceful, and very settled in body and mind.

Mayumi and I went to comfort Lillian and her family, but they were the one who comforted us.

I learned from Lillian and her family members that the acceptance of life as it is, is the energy of Love, Compassion and Wisdom to start a new step of life, and I truly learned that is a strength of living.

I learned from them that the acceptance of the truth means a true understanding of life – not the feeling of a victim, not the feeling of sacrifice or defeat – but an understanding of the true facts about life. Then, from here our true life begins; that is what I learned.

I am thankful for Lillian Asato and Dennis Asato and their family members who enlightened me and my wife... in a spirit of Gassho.

Rev. Ogui and Mayumi



Message from the Chairperson

We just wrapped up our first three guest speakers from our Guest Speaker Series. We started with Debbie Christian, the Executive Director of the Auburn Food Bank, who spoke on the issue of hunger in the Auburn community and we touched on **compassion** and our responsibility to others in the community. Our next speaker was Gilbert King George. Mr King George spoke of his time growing up in the Auburn area and the importance of **respect and gratitude**, and he honored many of our members including Mr. John Hamakami for all that was done for him when Mr. King George was growing up.

Our most recent speaker was John Holman, Auburn city council person. Mr. Holman grew up in Auburn with some of our members and encouraged us to remember the **dangers of fear and intolerance**. He said that unreasonable fear can be overcome by sitting down and breaking bread with others and that we must have the courage to make an effort to counter the fear.

We will be resuming our guest speaker series in the fall. Thank you to Charles Natsuhara, Greg Watson, and Vivian Alexander for working so hard to provide us with the new service format once a month! Let us know if you have an idea for other guest speakers.

Now that summer is finally here, we are looking forward to our Bon Odori on July 22nd. Please tell all of your friends to come out and join us for this event. It would be a bonus for us if they'd like to help a couple of hours too! Check out Randy's article on page 2 for more information.

Thank you for all that you do for the Temple!

Sharon Kosai

White River Buddhist Temple extends our condolences to the family of **Lillian Asato**. Lillian was a loving, giving member of our Temple and she will be missed.

July Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service July 2, 2017 at 11:00 AM

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of July. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, July 2nd 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.

Tsuruichi Komoto	1974	Tokio Toyoshima	2005
Minoru Terada	1979	Nancy Mikami	2005
Kiyomi Mizoguchi	1980	Noriko Tanabe	2005
Mike Arima	1987	Yooko Watanabe	2010
Isamu Suyematsu	1989	Stanley Doi	2010
Yoneko Terayama	1990	Sayoko Kawasaki	2011
George Takeshi Watanabe	1991	Kazuko Watanabe	2013
Misue Komatsu	1995	Hiroshi Nakai	2014
Mitzi Mitsuko Ibuki	1998	Ben Yamada	2015
George Tonojo Kawasaki	2002		

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.

Timeless Favorites Cooking Classes

The Timeless Favorites cooking classes will cease for the summer & resume on Saturday, September 30th.

The classes have run the gamut from Ozoni (New Years Soup) to various types of sushi and assorted entrees including crab cakes.

Many thanks to the instructors for sharing their expertise and giving of their time in sharing their prized recipes. Our gratitude to Alva Nishimura, Chiho Pewitt, Gail Takemura, Katie Komoto, Yoshiko Yamada, Pat Kawabata, Char Grinolds, Kayla & Mike Miller, Lu Ann Kato, and Lilly Kato.

The response we have been receiving has been very gratifying and we are always open to suggestions to improve or add to the program. If you know of additional instructors or different foods that anyone would like to learn about, please call Lilly for any comments.

Community Guest Speaker Series

There will be no community guest speakers in July or August. We will resume our community guest speakers series in September. If you have any suggestions for guest speakers or topics, please let the committee (Vivian Alexander, Greg Watson, or Charles Natsuhara) know. The committee welcomes feedback on any of the community guest speakers we have had so far.

Bon Odori

Our 48th annual White River Buddhist Temple Bon Odori Festival is progressing nicely. We have filled all committee chairmanships except "Recycle" and now need to start filling out our work-schedules with volunteers. For this year's Obon, we are implementing a two pronged sign up system. The first will be a traditional paper sign up list that will be posted on a white board in the back hallway of the temple. Please feel free to sign yourself up there and any other prospective volunteers. Please also include an e mail address if available. The second method will be an on-line sign up through the "Sign up Genius" system. This system was used during our spring fundraiser and seemed to work pretty well. It also has the added advantage of sending out a reminder to e mail addresses a few days before the event.

Please feel free to volunteer for as many of the preparation works shifts that you desire, but at least initially, I would prefer that members sign up only for one of the two work shifts during the event's hours (3:30 to 9:30). The goal is to reduce the workload on members, allow for wider participation while at the same time allowing all persons to enjoy the pleasantries of the event.

Therefore, we **NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!** So, if you have any relatives, friends or acquaintances that might be interested in helping, you can contact me at 206-437-9341, reokimoto@comcast.net, sign them up on the white board or have them sign up online at <http://bit.ly/2twguX3> (case sensitive).

Gassho,
Randy Okimoto, Bon Odori Chairman

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from May 15th through June 18th. 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. Amount not specified for internet publishing.

Memorial Day Cemetery Services

Anonymous	Mabel Nishizaki
Anonymous	Mr Randy Okimoto
Anonymous	M/M Allan & Kayoko Terada
Mrs Lorraine Blackler	M/M Calvin & Yvette Terada
Ms Irene Goto	M/M Ron & Suzuko Terada
M/M Donald & Ilene Grome	Mrs Margaret Teramoto

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials

Anonymous	June Monthly Memorial
Mrs Lorraine Blackler	7th Year Memorial for Yuki Kitagawa
Mrs Monica Furtick	In memory of Rose Teraoka
Mrs Yuki Iwai	In memory of Shina Iwai
Mrs Amy Kato	In memory of Masaru Kato & Naomi Martin
Joanne Kitagawa	In memory of Yuki Kitagawa
Mr John Kitagawa	June Shotsuki
Mr John Kitagawa	In memory of Yuki Kitagawa
Mrs Katie Komoto	May Shotsuki
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	June Shotsuki
Mr Charles Natsuhara	In memory of Shizuko Natsuhara
Ms Kathryn Natsuhara	In memory of Shizuko Natsuhara
Mrs Alice Nishimoto	In memory of Shizuka Nishimoto and Ben Nishimoto
Mr Joe Watanabe	In memory of Gary Watanabe

General and Major Service Donations

M/M Bob & Mitzie Akiyama	Jarrett Aregger graduation
Anonymous	Obon fundraiser donation for supplies
Barbara Aregger	Jarrett's graduation
M/M Bill & Norma Geenty	Gotan-e Service
M/M Gilbert & Tallis King George	In gratitude
Mrs Higa	Dedication of family altar
Mr Gary Ikeda	general donation
Mr Goro Kinoshita	In memory of Yasumi Kinoshita
Family of Yasumi Kinoshita	In memory of Yasumi Kinoshita
Mr John Kitagawa	Spring Fundraiser donation
Mrs Katie Komoto	Gotan-e Service
Kroger/Fred Meyer	Community Sharing program
Mrs Sally Mizuki	Gift In-kind: Vollrath portion scoops (4) for fundraisers
Ms Miyuki Peterson	In memory of Yasumi Kinoshita
Mrs Doris Sagara	Gotan-e Service
Mrs Carolyn Yamada	Gotan-e Service

2017 Pledge Totals
May 1 - 31, 2017

Thank you for your support in 2017!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
June 2, 2017	\$1000	\$17,400	29	\$1920	\$14,080
Amount Not Specified for Internet Publishing			Darlene Yamada	Yoshiko Yamada	
\$185-\$499					
\$500-\$999					
\$1,000-\$4,999					
\$5,000-\$9,999					

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WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION – JUNE 2017

May 22 Fisher House Meal - Karen Murakami, Gayle Takemura, Sally and Wayne Mizuki, Darlene Yamada, Vivian Alexander, and Char Grinolds cooked, served, and ate with the residents. The meal consisted of Teriyaki Chicken, Cucumber Salad, Asparagus Oshitashi, Rice, and Cookies. This event is a truly rewarding time for all involved.

On May 22nd, Karen Murakami, Gayle Takemura, Sally and Wayne Mizuki, Darlene Yamada, Vivian Alexander and Char Grinolds cooked for, served and enjoyed a dinner with residents of the Fisher House. The dinner consisted of Teriyaki Chicken, Cucumber Salad, Asparagus Oshitashi, Rice and Cookies.

June Vote - Members voted to add \$1.00 assessment to our dues to go towards this year's Shin Buddhist Grant, to which we are committed to donate.

Macy's Shop for a Cause - Karen will soon have information from Macy's about how the program will work this year. This is a win-win opportunity for you and for BWA. You get great discounts on Macy's special sale day, and BWA gets to keep 100% of the \$5 cost. Help us meet our 4 years X \$1000 commitment to assist with paying off the Jodo Shinsu Center Loan. See Karen for more info.

Donations:

During April, Darlene delivered 26 bags of newspapers and 3 bags of towels to Inca's Secret, a parrot rescue organization.

We donated 29.2 pounds of food, clothing, diapers, and toiletries on June 14th Auburn Food Bank. Thanks to all who donated!

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)

ABA

Thank you to Barbara Aregger and Sharon Kosai for purchasing all the picnic prizes and to Jerrett Aregger and Josh Nakamura for helping with the games. You all did a great job. Thanks also to Charles Natsuhara, Randy Okimoto for putting up the tents, tables, and chairs outside. Weather was perfect for the games. Thank you also to Pat Kawabata and Yuri Shiotani for taking care of the lunch and to everyone who brought such delicious food.

Congratulations to Jerrett Aregger on his graduation and his entering Western WA University in Bellingham in the fall.

Our deepest condolences to Alva Nishimura family in the passing of her mother, Yasumi Kinoshita.

Our deepest condolences to Dennis Asato family for the loss of Lillian. She has been an active member of the temple and will be missed by all.

ABA acknowledges the generous donation of \$ 20.00 for the picnic from Randy & Eva Chun.

White River Buddhist Temple History Project

Program B of the Planning Committee report that was approved by Temple membership last year was an update and/or completion of the White River Buddhist Temple History project. Our work has focused on two projects.

The first is the completion of a map initially started by Mae Yamada and the White River Museum, that shows the location of Japanese American families living in the White River Valley during the 1930's (i.e. Before internment). We have interviewed several niseis and would like to interview many more. Interviewees need not be Buddhists or temple members. If you know of any persons that may be able to help us, please contact Randy Okimoto, at reokimoto@comcast.net or 206 437 9341.

The second project is to interview current and former members of the White River Buddhist Temple to accumulate stories about the Temple's members, activities and organizations. If you or someone you know have some stories that would be of interest, please contact Randy Okimoto.

We are also planning a White River Buddhist Temple History display at this years Bon Odori.

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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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