

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Minister's Greetings

We received the information about Lillian Asato through the email by her husband, Dennis Asato, that after spending over 7 weeks at Overlake Hospital and Stafford Healthcare, she is now resting at home. She tried radiation treatments on her spinal area but has not recovered properly. She is now bed ridden and her health is gradually deteriorating.

Her husband continued saying that she has experienced a nice "Grace Period" for over a year and is saying goodbye to whoever visits her.

Mayumi and I were very honored to visit her. She welcomed us with her usual smile and made us comfortable in saying, "Thank you, thank you!" in humble attitude of Gassho. She was the one who comforted us.

Her way of acceptance as she is, as what situation as she is in, impressed us and taught us that the acceptance has a very positive, active, dynamic meaning in Buddhism, and not the defeated, negative sense as implied in the English language.

Lillian, you are our great Dharma Teacher.

Thank you in Gassho,
Rev. Ogui and Mayumi



Message from the Chairperson

There is a very sweet, little Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier puppy in one of my classes. Every week, the puppy is so well behaved and loves everyone and the world around him....until last week. The snarling, growling, lunging, and barking that came out of this little dog made this little puppy look like a ferocious, man-eating animal and made me think there was a dog fight going on but he was by himself and the only dog making the noise. If I didn't know him from previous weeks, I would have made a quick judgement about him that he was one nasty little dog. But he's not a nasty little dog; he was just having a rebellious moment. Don't we all feel that way at one time or another? I'm glad

that his acting out like an attack dog wasn't my first encounter with him. It gave me the chance to see more than one side to this dog.

Sometimes I tend to form a quick opinion when I encounter something new or different. It's the same whether it's someone I just met, an new event, or idea. Things aren't always as they seem and if I just give it a chance, I'm usually pleasantly surprised.

As we embark on our journey of trying out new service ideas, marketing and fundraising ideas (and sometimes old ideas with a different approach) at the Temple, I hope that we all remember that even though it may take us out of our comfort zone to begin with, this is what makes us grow and I'd like you to give it a chance to develop before forming an opinion. Everything we do may not be successful, but we won't know unless we try. Thank you for your patience and willingness in advance for always taking the chance to do things differently and being in the forefront of change!

Of course, it wouldn't be the same if I didn't add a dog photo! This is Pompey sleeping on the back of the sofa because he thinks he's a cat. Even Pompey should remember that things aren't always as they seem!

Sharon Kosai

P.S. Remember to join me on May 7th 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!



**May Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
May 7, 2017 at 11:00 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of May. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, May 7th 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.

Frank Takishima	1971	Masao Mikami	2001
Hanako Yanagawa	1974	Frank Fujimura	2003
Sachiko Hirose	1978	George Mitsuo Hiranaka	2003
Tokuyo Komoto	1985	Masaru Kato	2008
Takeyoshi Jack Koga	1993	Bill Yaguchi	2011
Gladys Gisi	1999	George Shoji Terada	2014
Risako Kawasaki	2000		

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.

Condolences

Alva Nishimura’s mother, Yasumi Kinoshita, recently passed away; the Temple extends its deepest sympathies to the family.

**Debbie Christian Guest Speaker
Sunday, April 30th at 10:30 AM**

We are excited to try a different service format on Sunday April 30. Instead of our regular service we will have Debbie Christian as our guest speaker. Ms. Christian is the director of the Auburn Food Bank and will give us information on the services provided by the foodbank and some of the challenges that its clients face. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and to have a discussion with the Sangha. What is our responsibility to people in our community who lack basic resources? What is the Buddhist perspective?

This service change is an outgrowth of our planning goals to explore different themes. Compassion is the first theme we want to explore in deeper context. Our goal is to look at everyday circumstances and how it affects us as Jodo Shinshu Buddhists.

The service will start earlier at 10:30 AM and finish by noon. We will begin with a presentation by our speaker followed by a discussion with the Sangha. We will end with a short meditation session led by Rev. Ogui.

Please contact Vivian Alexander, Charles Natsuhara or Greg Watson if you have any questions.

Keiro Northwest LIFE TRANSITIONS PART 4

**What to Expect at the End: The Funeral, the Will, and Family Dynamics
May 21 at 1:00pm**

Life doesn’t come with an instruction manual...especially the end of life. When a loved one passes away, there are so many questions to answer: How do you make the funeral / memorial arrangements? What is the role of the executor of the will and how does Probate work? Why is my family acting so strangely? Join us as we discuss what you should expect at the end, what your resources are, and how to get through it with as much grace as you can.

**Timeless Favorites Cooking Class
May 6th at 10:00am**

Our next Timeless Cooking Class will be taught by Kayla Miller, featuring Clam Linguine with salad & dessert. She will be assisted by Greg Watson. Class begins at 10:00 am and there is a supply fee of \$5.00. Participants MUST sign up on the Temple bulletin board or email office@wrbt.org.

Newsletter by Email

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



Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from March 20th through April 17th. 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. Donations amount are deleted for internet publishing.

Hanamatsuri Service

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| M/M Bob & Mitzie Akiyama | Mr Charles Natsuhara |
| Vivian Alexander | Ms Kathryn Natsuhara |
| Anonymous | Mrs Alice Nishimoto |
| M/M Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai | M/M Dennis & Alva Nishimura |
| M/M Bill & Norma Geenty | Mr Randy Okimoto |
| Mrs Charlene Grinolds | Ms Miyuki Peterson |
| Mr John Hamakami | M/M Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani |
| Mrs Audrie Hayes | Mrs Gayle Takemura |
| Mrs Yuki Iwai | Mrs Tomeko Lloyd Taketa |
| Mrs Amy Kato | Mrs Betty Tanaka |
| Mrs Lilly Kato | Ms Laurie Tanaka |
| Mrs Rosie Kato | Mrs Mitsuko Terada |
| M/M Shiyoji & Pat Kawabata | Mrs Connie Toda |
| Mrs Katie Komoto | Mr Joe Watanabe |
| M/M Mark & Sharon Kosai | Mrs Carolyn Yamada |
| Mrs Haruko Mamiya | Ms Darlene Yamada |
| M/M Wayne & Sally Mizuki | Mrs Yoshiko Yamada |
| M/M Ron & Karen Murakami | |

Memorial Service for Mr. Stan Tsujikawa

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| Mrs Pearl Okura | Family of Stan Tsujikawa |
| Kunio Otani | Mr Dennis Yamashita |

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials

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| Mrs Monica Furtick | In memory of Dorothy Yaguchi (February) |
| Mrs Monica Furtick | In memory of Tiny Taketa (March) |
| Mrs Monica Furtick | In memory of Satoru Kato (March) |
| Mrs Monica Furtick | In memory of Frank Natsuhara |
| Mrs Charlene Grinolds | In memory of Barbara Tsuji |
| Mrs Amy Kato | In memory of George Taketa and Misao Tsukamaki |
| Mrs Katie Komoto | April Shotsuki |
| M/M Mark & Sharon Kosai | April Shotsuki |
| Mr Charles Natsuhara | In memory of Frank Natsuhara |
| Ms Kathryn Natsuhara | In memory of Frank Senji Natsuhara |
| Mrs Betty Tanaka | In memory of Dennis Tanaka |
| Ms Laurie Tanaka | In memory of Dennis Tanaka |

General Donations

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| Anonymous | general fund |
| Anonymous | Gift In-kind: heavy duty nitrile gloves for chicken prep |
| Anonymous | Gift In-kind: non-slip floor mat squares for kitchen & cooler |
| BCA Dana Program | BCA Dana donation: Charlene Grinolds |
| Mr Dennis Yamashita | Spring Ohigan |

2017 Pledge Totals

March 1 - 31, 2017

Thank you for your support in 2017!

PLEDGES DECLARED			DOLLARS COLLECTED		
Date	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
April 1, 2017	\$2,670	\$15,880	25	\$2,820	\$11,520
Amount Not Specified for Internet Publishing			Joan Rodgers	Betty Tanaka	Laurie Tanaka
			Charles Natsuhara		
\$185-\$499	\$1,000-\$4,999				
\$500-\$999	\$5,000-\$9,999				

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION - May 2017

March 30th- Fisher House Meal: Char Grinolds, Sally Mizuki, Wayne Mizuki, Karen Murakami, Gayle Takemura and Darlene Yamada prepared and shared a dinner of Chicken Chow Mein, Stir Fry Vegetables, Rice, Cake and Cookies with the families of Seattle VA Hospital patients. This wonderful dinner was really enjoyed by all.

Year-Round Collections

Green Box Mar - May: Kitchen, Toiletries, Diapers, etc

Coins for diapers (collection jar in lobby)

Recycle lightbulbs (collection box in lobby)

Newspaper and towels for animals in need

WR BWA gratefully acknowledges generous donations for our Lady Kujo Memorial Service from:

Dennis and Alva Nishimura,
Ron and Karen Murakami
Bill and Norma Geenty
Anonymous Offerings (osaisen)

WR BWA gratefully acknowledges receipt of a generous donation from the Tsujikawa Family in memory of Stan Tsujikawa.

City of Auburn Proclamation Recognizing Injustice of Executive Order 9066

During a Pioneer Cemetery planning meeting Calvin Terada brought a request from a Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Church member asking if the City of Auburn could make a proclamation recognizing the injustice of Executive Order 9066. Museum director Patricia Cosgrove drafted a proclamation that has been approved by the Auburn City Council and tentatively will be read at the city council meeting on May 22, the 75th anniversary of the last train leaving Auburn for the incarceration camps. The public is welcome to attend and more information will be provided closer to the date.

Temple Rummage Sale Saturday June 24th

You may start dropping off items for the rummage sale after May 1st. If you need us to pick up the items please call the temple office 253-833-1442, leave your name and number and Greg Watson will call you back and make arrangements to pick up the items during the week of June 18th.

Guidelines for donated items:

All donated items must be in good working order and ready to sell.

Must be clean

Must not be broken or missing items as we do not have the capability to repair items

Acceptable items:

- gently used or new clothes or clean shoes with no tears, holes or ripped seams, with all working buttons, zippers snaps & hooks
- small working appliances
- kitchenware such as pots, pans, dishes, cups, glasses, silverware, serving pieces, kitchen gadgets
- books of all kinds, except encyclopedias
- games or puzzles with all parts or pieces
- jewelry
- accessories, including scarves, ties, gloves
- sporting goods in working order
- garden items, clean and in working order
- children's clothes or other baby items
- linens, towels, blankets, sheets, comforters

Unacceptable items:

- no furniture or large appliances (TVs, microwaves, etc.)
- no damaged clothes
- no used undergarments
- no yarn nor scraps of fabric
- no hazardous waste
- no automotive parts, tires or rims
- no computer equipment including printers

If you have any questions about whether an item is acceptable please contact Char Grinolds or Greg Watson. If you are able to help there will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board at the Temple.

Thank you for your support!

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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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