

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Minister's Greetings

Members of White River Buddhist Temple, and Friends,

It is with mixed feelings that we inform you of our decision to retire from the White River Buddhist Temple as of the end of April, 2018.

It has been our joy and honor to serve as your resident minister for the last six years. I have served as a minister of the Buddhist Churches of America for fifty-six years.

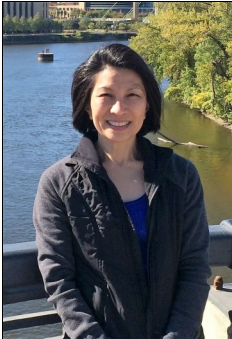
One of the reasons for our decision is to retire while we are still reasonably healthy both in body and mind before I may suffer from senile dementia (with smile!) or difficulty in executing various responsibilities as a minister.

We will have seven more months to share and enjoy our life here with you. During this time, we look forward to continue working together to plan for the future of the temple and also make the transition as smooth as possible.

We would like to express with Gassho, our deepest gratitude for your kindness and support extended to us during the past six years. Life here at the White River Buddhist Temple was certainly memorable and meaningful for both of us and we thank you.

In Gassho,

Rev. Koshin Ogui and Mayumi Ogui



Message from the Chairperson

Yikes! I'm late with the newsletter again! No excuses; just didn't get it finished on time. I have a few scattered thoughts this month....

Last month, Rev. Ogui was on his summer vacation. Even though he was technically on vacation, he continued to check and respond to voice mails and emails. He met with visiting ministers and guests, answered phone calls, attended meetings, and much more. Many of us would take vacation and never think twice about work. I think we are very fortunate that Rev. Ogui took his personal time to do all of this for us. Thank you, Rev. Ogui!

After John Hamakami's memorial service, I watched as Rev. and Mrs. Ogui transformed the Temple Onajin for the next day's Sunday service. I guess I could have helped them but I was mesmerized by their "dance." Gliding back and forth in the small space, without bumping into each other, they moved candles and other "adornments" on the Onajin. They removed the Uchishiki (alter cloths) and without cueing each other, they somehow knew exactly when to turn around to gather the ends of the cloth and fold it without speaking. They didn't have the usual mis-folds and twists that normally happen when I fold large blankets with someone else. The way that these two worked together as one for a common purpose was very impressive. It reminds me of our own Temple members and how well we work together all the time to achieve a common goal. For that I am grateful to all of you!

Since Rev. and Mrs. Ogui's announcement that they will be retiring at the end of April 2018, there has been a sense of uncertainty and uneasiness. A transition team will be meeting soon in order to plan for our future. I encourage you to reach out to me and let me know your thoughts.

Thank you for all that you do for the Temple!

Sharon Kosai

The White River Buddhist Temple would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family of Mr. John Hamakami. He helped build this Temple and it was like a second home to him. We are so appreciative of all that John has done for us. We will miss him!

**October Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
October 1, 2017 at 11:00 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of October. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, October 1st 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.

Minoru Hamamura	1968	Matsumi Matt Mikami	1993
Kenichi Kato	1971	Masue Mosi Miyoshi	1993
Kiku Kumasaka	1972	Urano Kato	1997
Naka Kiyohara	1975	Fumiko Nishimura	1997
Sen Natsuhara	1979	Tad Kato	2012
Yohei Hikida	1981	Shigeru Toyoshima	2013
Henry Ichiro Komatsu	1989	Mitsuko Hamakami	2014

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.

White River Buddhist Temple welcomes Rev. Carol Myokei Himaka

October 14th “The Thirty-Fifth Vow, and It's Meaning for Us Today”

4:00 pm Talk: The "Thirty-Fifth Vow, and It's Meaning for Us Today" This Vow is one of Dhar makara Bodhisattva's 48 Vows. It has some interesting interpretations because it addresses the state of women and how they can attain birth, given the tradition of women being viewed as inferior and incapable of attaining enlightenment. Rev. Himaka

5:00-5:30 pm: Questions and Answers

6:00 pm: No host dinner at Koharu Restaurant

October 15th 11:00 A.M. Eshin-Ni-Kakushin-Ni Memorial Service

Speaker Information Rev. Carol Himaka

Currently serves at Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church

Born in San Diego, 1952.

Education includes BA (in Art) from San Diego State University; MA, (Buddhist Studies) from Institute of Buddhist Studies, and MA (English) from California State University, Hayward.

First served at Fresno Betsuin in 1981.

Both talks are free.

All are welcome.

No preregistration required.

Dinner is no host.

3625 Auburn Way N, Auburn WA Enter on 37th St N.E.

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from August 14th through September 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.

Amount not specified for internet publishing.

Memorial Service for Mr. John Hamakami, Sr.

Adult Buddhist Association	George & Irene Mano
Mr Dennis Asato & Family	Wayne, Sally, Leslie, & Karri Mizuki
Mrs Lorraine Blackler	Dan Mizumori & Gail Aoki
Mrs Michi Chihara	Roger Mizumori
Janice Deguchi	Sheri Mizumori
Paul Deguchi	Ms Kathryn Natsuhara
M/M James & Ikuko Dodobara	Mrs Alice Nishimoto
Les Dogen and Margaret Dogen Ishisaka	M/M Chiho & JR Pewitt
M/M Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	Puyallup Valley JACL
M/M Bill & Norma Geenty	Jona Sasaki
M/M Lorin & Charlene Grinolds	Nori Suguro
Alan Hoshino	M/M Masaru & Anna Tahara
Mrs Amy Kato	Carol & Glenn Takagi
Mrs Lilly Kato	Masako Tanaka
Mrs Rosie Kato	M/M Marvin & Kiyoko Terada
Mr Greg Komoto	Mrs Margaret Teramoto
Jill Komoto & Alan Lipp	Mr Kayo Terayama
Mrs Katie Komoto	Arlene Thilmony
Stan Kondo	Mrs Connie Toda
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	Mrs Michiko Toyoshima
Ms Bonnie Kurata	Kiwamu Tsuchida
Mrs Kiyoko Maekawa	Rick, Leanne, & Marissa Wong

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials

Catherine Kanda	In memory of Stan Tsujikawa
Mrs Alice Nishimoto	In memory of Nancy Fujikawa
Mr Randy Okimoto	In memory of Yae Okimoto
Mrs Joan Rodgers	In memory of James Komoto
M/M Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani	September Shotsuki
Mrs Gayle Takemura	In memory of Ed Tanaka
Mrs Gayle Takemura	In memory of May Kajikami
Susie Taketa	In memory of Shima & Charles Taketa
Mrs Betty Tanaka	In memory of Tsuki Tanaka
Mrs Betty Tanaka	In memory of Ed Tanaka and May Kajikami
Ms Laurie Tanaka	In memory of Tsuki Tanaka
Ms Laurie Tanaka	In memory of Ed Tanaka and May Kajikami
Alan Yamada Family	In memory of Rikuye Kawasaki
Alan Yamada Family	In memory of Jackie Wills

Pet Memorial Service

M/M Shirley Kanda & Roger Fukai	In memory of Twinky & Sniffles
LuAnn Kato	In memory of Zoe
Mr JR Pewitt	My pet, "Star"
Ms Darlene Yamada	Mali & Co.

General Donations [includes memorials not part of monthly memorials]

Joe Cail	In memory of Helen Mizukii
Ms Michelle Chinn	In celebration of Bon Odori
Yukiko & Craig Dow	General donation
Mrs Audrie Hayes	In loving memory of Stan Tsujikawa [for kitchen equipment]
Mrs Yuki Iwai	Ohigan
Mrs Alice Nishimoto	In memory of Helen Mizuki

Thank You...

Bob Akiyama for his continuing support with keeping our facilities and equipment running!

Mayumi Ogui for assisting with the Buddhism 101 classes.

2017 Pledge Totals
August 1 - 31, 2017

Thank you for your support in 2017!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
Sep 2, 2017	\$970	\$19,920	35	\$875	\$17,185
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\$185-\$499					
\$500-\$999					
\$1,000-\$4,999					
\$5,000-\$9,999					

Fall Bazaar

The temple's annual Fall Bazaar will be held on Sunday October 22, from 11am to 3pm. Chairpersons are in the process of recruiting volunteers. We will open up for on-line volunteer sign up by the end of September. Menu items are chicken teriyaki, sushi, chicken rice curry, vegetarian bowl, mochi, manju, along with a Bake Sale, produce, and Discovery sale (handicrafts and gift items).

Mochi and manju making is Saturday October 14th at 8am. Please contact Charles Natsuhara or Gayle Takemura if you have any questions.

BAZAAR-Discovery Sale

The Discovery Sale will be held on October 22, 2017 from 11 am-3 pm!! We will be collecting sale items beginning October 1st. The collection and storage area will be announced later. Craft items and dishware, especially Japanese are very good sellers!! Plants will be welcome. No clothes will be sold. PLEASE GATHER THOSE ITEMS YOU DON'T WANT OR USE ANYMORE!! What you don't want may be a TREASURE to someone else. If you have any questions, contact Norma Geenty at [253-840-4386](tel:253-840-4386). Thanks so much for your contributions!!

Community Guest Speakers

Patricia Cosgrove, White River Valley Museum Director will be our community guest speaker on October 29th. We will have more information as we get closer to the date.

There will be no community guest speakers in November and December due to the holidays.



ABA News

ABA newsletter. ABA sends their condolences to the family of John Hamakami. John has been an active member of the White River Temple and started the ABA men's cooking class many years ago. He will be missed by everyone.

ABA will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Auburn Food Bank through December 17th. Look for the collection box in the foyer.

ABA gratefully acknowledges a generous donation from the Hamakami family in memory of John.

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION – September 17, 2017

July 31: Fisher House. Last two meals of the year will be 9/25 and 10/31.

October 15: WRBT BWA annual Eshini-Kakushinni Memorial service Rev. Carol Himaka, resident minister at Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church will be our guest Dharma speaker. Lunch hosted by the BWA will be served after this service. We hope you will all join us in greeting, listening and speaking to Rev. Himaka. See you there!!

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)

Karen Murakami delivered 67 pounds of school supplies, toiletries, food, and household goods.

Landscaping Thanks Thanks to Vivian Geocarcis and Janis Yamada for all their work in the gardens this summer. These ladies volunteered and followed through on watering, weeding, and deadheading spent flowers. Thanks so much ladies.

WR BWA gratefully acknowledges receipt of a donation from Roger Fukai, Shirley Kanda, and Hamakami Family in memory of John Hamakami.

Emergency Preparedness Class Sponsored by Dharma School

Dharma school will be hosting an emergency preparedness class this coming October 8th, at 12:30. There should be time after service to go out to grab lunch, or to brownbag it. Dharma school will also provide some light refreshments. A staff member from Auburn emergency management will give this talk, which will cover general disaster preparedness information and community resources. Let's all learn how to be best prepared for the upcoming winter storms!

TIMELESS FAVORITES

Thank you to all of the Timeless Favorites instructors. Our apologies to Greg Watson whose name was inadvertently left off the list of instructors, previously named in our Newsletter. We are still in need of instructors & would certainly appreciate any volunteers. Please call Lilly Kato if you would like to share your favorite recipes.

Our Timeless Favorites classes have been very popular. Due to increased costs, we have raised the supply fee to \$8.00.

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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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