

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Minister's Greetings

I recently was invited to speak at the Kentridge High School Baccalaureate. This is my message to the graduating students.

Words of Wisdom

Please do not blindly believe whatever I might say to you here and now. You may question and doubt, and then think about it. If it makes sense, take it as yours; if does not make sense, ignore it.

I cannot live your life. You are the one who lives your life. You are the one who actually takes care your life. You are the one who makes your life meaningful or meaningless.

Anyone who associates with me or tries to learn something from me, I have three important things to offer. First, please do not be so serious. When we become too serious, we may kill each other. Secondly, do not lose your sincerity. When we lose our sincerity, we may take advantage of others. Third, do not lose your sense of humor. When we lose our sense of humor, we lose our smile.

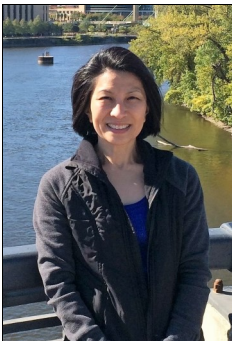
Now, I realize that my life is not only my life, but the life of other's sacrifices, kindness and patience.

I realize that what I have experienced in the past and what I am going to experience from now on, is a great gift to find out the meaning of my life. What I learn from it and what enlightens me, is what helps to make my life meaningful. If I don't learn from it, nor be enlightened from it, I think my life is very much wasted.

I used to think Oneness, Togetherness, and Unity is to become same-ness with others, but I was wrong. Now, I realize that Oneness, Togetherness, and Unity is to recognize and respect the differences, and to practice harmonizing with the differences. A garden is beautiful because of the different flowers and rocks.

Thank you....

Gassho. Rev. Koshin Ogui



Message from the Chairperson

I'm sure that by now, you all know my dog Divot. We do agility together and I really like how well he works with me...that is until last week. He decided that instead of working with me, he'd change things up a bit. When I wanted him to go through the weave poles, he went over the jumps. When I wanted him to go into the tunnel, he look at me and climbed the A-Frame. When I wanted him to go over the jumps, he went through the tunnel. Every time, he took a wrong piece of equipment, he'd look straight at me with a big grin on his face and went the other way. If he had a middle finger....

As I became more frustrated with his behavior, I realized how much fun he was having! He was moving fast and was very pleased with himself that he was doing his own thing. If I had not stopped to observe what he was doing and only focused on him being perfect, I would really miss out on all of the good things that this dog has to offer me. He's got a great personality, he usually works well for me, he's generally well behaved, and he's taught me so much.

With all of the responsibilities that all of you have, wouldn't you like to just turn and do something fun for yourself? I think we should all try to take a few moments out of our day and find the joy in life!

Thank you for all that you do for the Temple!

Sharon Kosai

P.S. Remember to join me on September 10th 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!

**September Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
September 10, 2017 at 11:00 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of September. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, September 10th 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.

Toku Norikane	1968	Jack Schilthroat	2002
Yae Okimoto	1972	May Fumie Kajikami	2003
Rikuye Kawasaki	1975	Janis Tsuneko Ikuta	2005
Charley Miyoshi	1983	Takejiro Hama	2009
Matsuo Sakagami	1988	Edward Tanaka	2013
Jackie Kawasaki Wills	1991	Lloyd Herndon	2014
Edwin Arima	1997	Nancy Tomiye Fujikawa	2015
Joe Toshio Nishimoto	2001		

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.

Fall Buddhism 101

Fall Buddhism 101 will be presented by Rev. Koshin Ogui on Thursdays Sept. 14 and 21 for General Buddhism, and September 28 and October 4 for Shin Buddhism. All sessions will run from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

Sept 14 and 21: Buddhism 101 - General Buddhism Part 1 and 2: Topics covered include,

- What is Buddha Dharma?
- What is enlightenment?
- History of Buddhism
- What are the three treasures of Buddha Dharma?
- The fundamental doctrines
- The fundamental Practices through our daily life as a follower of Buddha Dharma

Sept 28 and Oct 4: Buddhism 101 - Jyodo Shinshu, Shin Buddhism: Topics covered include,

- Who is Shinran, founder of Shin Buddhism?
- Shinran's lineage of seven masters
- Three Pureland Sutras
- What is Shin faith awareness?
- How do we attain Shin faith with full of passions?

A nominal donation of \$2-5 per session is appreciated. Contact Rev. Ogui for more information.



*Are you looking for peace and harmony of
body and mind?*

Body and Mind Seminar

Saturday, September 16 8:30AM - 12:00PM

This semi-annual seminar will combine movement, meditation and a Dharma talk by Dr. Gilkey and Rev. Ogui.

More information and Registration forms at the Temple or <http://bit.ly/2uTybBT>



Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from July 17th through August 13th. 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. ~~SPRINGGRDORRINSHFLILHIGIRU, MUHW~~

~~3DLKJJI~~ I was informed that in last month's newsletter, the donations in memory of Lillian Asato had been inadvertently truncated during assembly of the newsletter. I'm sorry for the concern it caused and appreciate that it was mentioned right away. This newsletter should include the remaining names for those who contributed memorials for Lillian.

Please contact Ron Murakami, Treasurer, regarding omissions or corrections by phone (253) 845-3062, or by email to ron.murakami@comcast.net.

Memorial Service for Lillian Asato [Inadvertently omitted from last month's newsletter]

Steven & Penne Sakuma	Barbara Taira	White River Buddhist Temple
Lily Sakurai & Kathy Sakurai	Ken & Gayle Takemura	WRBT ABA
Daniel & Amy Sasaki	Tomeko Taketa	WRBT BWA
Alvin & Donna Sasaki	Glenn & Eilene Tamai	Patti Wong
Earl & Joyce Sato & family	Dale Tamashiro	Rick & Leanne Nishi Wong
Keith Sawada	M/M James Tamashiro & family	Shizue Yahata
Erin Shen	Betty Tanaka	Al Yamada & family
Stan & June Shiigi	Laurie & Krissy Tanaka	Darlene Yamada
Betty Shimabukuro	Allan & Kayoko Terada	Yoshiko Yamada
M/M Les Shimabukuro & family	Alvin & Mitsuko Terada	May Yamaoka
Fran Shintaku	Connie Toda	Dennis Yamashita
Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani	Nina Tomita-Kato	Brandon Yanari
Kiyokazu Shirado	Michiko Toyoshima	Derek & Carolyn Yatsu
Sydney Shiroyama	Machiko Wada	Rev & Mrs K. Yukawa
Mia Slattum	Joe Watanabe	

Obon Service [Donations recorded after the deadline for last month's newsletter articles]

Mrs Mae Arima	Mrs Betty Tanaka
Mr Ron Hamakawa	Ms Laurie Tanaka
Mrs Alice Nishimoto	Mrs Michiko Toyoshima
Mr Randy Okimoto	Mrs Carolyn Yamada
Ms Miyuki Peterson	Ms Karen Yamada

3rd Year Memorial for Mr. Ben Yamada

Iwako Iseri	M/M Ron & Suzuko Terada
Mabel Nishizaki	Ms Karen Yamada
M/M Allan & Kayoko Terada	Mrs Yoshiko Yamada
M/M Alvin & Mitsuko Terada	

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials

M/M Jim & Ikuko Dodobara	In memory of Mrs. Oshie Kiyota
Mrs Monica Furtick	In memory of James Komoto
Mrs Monica Furtick	In memory of Ben Teraoka
Mrs Monica Furtick	In memory of Doug Yamada
M/M Bill & Norma Geenty	In loving memory of Mr. Shiro Murashige
Mrs Amy Kato	August Shotsuki
Mrs Rosie Kato	In memory of brother, James Komoto
Mrs Katie Komoto	In memory of James Komoto
M/M Sharon & Mark Kosai	In memory of Dad
Mrs Alice Nishimoto	In memory of Morito Nishimoto
M/M Dennis & Alva Nishimura	In memory of George Uchida
M/M Dennis & Alva Nishimura	In memory of Susumu Hayashi
Ms Miyuki Peterson	In memory of George Uchida
Susie Taketa	In memory of Hiroshi Sagara, husband to Doris &
Mrs Carolyn Yamada	father to Carolyn

General Donations [includes annual memorials not specifically part of August Shotsuki]

Anonymous	Obon Festival & Services
Amy Dodobara-Doran	Honeywell International PAC Charitable Gift program
Ms Sue Fujikado	In memory of Mr & Mrs Moritsuchi Murakami
Mr Ron Hamakawa	Obon Festival donation
Miyoko Kaneta	Temple Supporter
Kroger/Fred Meyer	Community Sharing Program

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M/M Allan & Ronalee Mizoguchi	In memory of Yuki Kitagawa
M/M Allan & Ronalee Mizoguchi	In memory of Hiroto & Kiyomi Mizoguchi
Mr Charles Natsuhara	Gift-in kind toward Bon Odori temporary use permit
NW Young Buddhist League	Obon Festival donation
Ida Sasaki	In memory of mother
Susie Taketa	In memory of Stan Tsujikawa
Susie Taketa	In memory of Lillian Asato
Susie Taketa	In memory of Harry Taketa
Susie Taketa	In memory of Roy Taketa
Susie Taketa	In memory of Tsutae Taketa
Susie Taketa	In memory of Ben Taketa
Susie Taketa	In memory of Mas Kato
Susie Taketa	In memory of Naomi Martin
Uwajimaya	For dance instructor participation in Natsu Matsuri Festival
Valerie Yamanaka	Gift-in kind for Bon Odori cups
Mr Dennis Yamashita	Obon Festival donation

**2017 Pledge Totals
July 1 - 31, 2017**

Thank you for your support in 2017!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		DOLLARS COLLECTED		
	Additional	Total	Contributors	Additional	Total
July 2, 2017	\$600	\$18,950	34	\$690	\$16,310
Amount Not Specified for Internet Publishing			Ikuko Dodobara	James Dodobara	
\$185-\$499					
\$500-\$999					
\$1,000-\$4,999					
\$5,000-\$9,999					

Life Transitions Part 5 - When & How Does the Caregiver Ask for Help?

Sunday, October 1st: 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

You have a loved one who needs care. Of course you will do all you can, but do you know when you should ask for help? What are the signs and what are your resources? Come learn from **Marnie Schueller**, Senior Home Health Specialist with Kindred at Home, how to recognize when help is indicated and where to look for it...and how to navigate the challenging physical and emotional factors involved.

Location: White River Buddhist Temple (3625 Auburn Way North, Auburn WA 98002)
 Tuition: Suggested donation at the door: **\$10** Annual Member **\$15** Non-Annual Members
 (Your donation is appreciated to support Nikkei Horizons Program)

Pre-registration is appreciated. Online registration: < www.keironorthwest.org > or call / e-mail Nikkei Horizons Office. If this is your first time to register with Nikkei Horizons, please provide your contact information including mailing address. (206) 726-6469 NHinfo@keironw.org

Fall Bazaar

Fall Bazaar will be on Sunday October 22, from 11 AM to 3 PM. Charles Natsuhara and Gayle Takemura are the co-chairs for the event. The first planning meeting will be on Tuesday August 29th, at 7 PM. If you have any questions please contact Gayle or Charles. Thank you.

Newsletter

October news articles are due September 17th. Please send your articles to newsletter@wrbt.org. If articles are late, they may not be included.

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

**TIMELESS FAVORITES
Saturday, September 30 at 10:00am**

The Timeless Favorites cooking classes will resume on Saturday, September 30 at 10:00 am. The instructor is Chiho Pewitt, with a menu of Gyoza (Japanese dumplings) and Yakionigiri (fried rice balls). The signup sheet is on the back hall bulletin board at the Temple or contact office@wrbt.org. Supply fee of \$8.

ABA News

The ABA Men's Cooking Class will resume on Monday, Sept. 11th at 10:00 am followed by a meeting. Hope to see everyone there.

The ABA sends our condolences to the Nishimura family for the loss of Alva's mother, Mrs. Yasumi Kinoshita.

Our condolences to Dennis Asato and family for the loss of Lillian. Lillian has been a active member of the White River Buddhist Temple and will be missed.

ABA gratefully acknowledges the generous donation of \$ 50.00 from the Goro Kinoshita and family in memory of Mrs. Yasumi Kinoshita.

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION – August 11, 2017

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

August 19: Breathe Deep Seattle Walk and Fun Run to End Lung Cancer at Seward Park. Begins with check-in and registration at 8:30 A.M. Our team, Friends of Lillian honors our dear late friend, Lillian Asato. The event is 2.4 miles long. More information 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 @ chunrandall@hotmail.com if you have any further questions.

The BWA gratefully acknowledges a Donation from Alva Nishimura of \$50.00 towards our Jodo Shinshu Center pledge.

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)

Way to Save

Every Friday, you can get a coupon for one free item. The coupon is good for one or two weeks. If you don't want the free item, you could still pick it up and donate to the green collections box in the temple lobby. Do you get digital coupons from Fred Meyer? (no cost to sign up) Did you know that every Friday, you can get a coupon for one free item? The coupon is good for 1 or 2 weeks! If you don't want the free item, you could still pick it up and donate it to our green collections box in the temple lobby. Ask Karen for more details. Do you get digital coupons from Fred Meyer? (no cost to sign up) Did you know that every Friday, you can get a coupon for one free item? The coupon is good for 1 or 2 weeks! If you don't want the free item, you could still pick it up and donate it to our green collections box in the temple lobby. Ask Karen for more details. Do you get digital coupons from Fred Meyer? (no cost to sign up) Did you know that every Friday, you can get a coupon for one free item? The coupon is good for 1 or 2 weeks! If you don't want the free item, you could still pick it up and donate it to our green collections box in the temple lobby. Ask Karen for more details.

Go to your browser and type in Fred Meyer Free Friday download and get more info.

You will find the site at the top of the next page. Click it, and you will get the details.

This tip came from Karen Murakami and she has offered to answer any questions you have.

Community Guest Speakers

The temple will resume the community guest speaker series on September 24, at 10:30 AM. The committee is working on confirming the speaker for the 24th. The last community guest speaker for the year will be on October 29th. We will be taking another break in November and December and resume with a speaker in January.

Under the heading of Compassion, Gratitude and Community, the committee is working on finding speakers that give the Sangha another perspective of how our Buddhist teachings interact with the community. If you have suggestions for topics or speakers please contact one of the committee members: Rev. Ogui, Vivian Alexander, Greg Watson, or Charles Natsuhara. Thank you.

Thank You...

Lukas Akiyama for weeding the playground and spreading new play chips before Obon. We appreciate your dana and hard work!

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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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