

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

One of our Temple members asked me what a pure mind is and how one could dedicate or contribute to people and places in which he or she may create good Karma. I answered, whatever you do should be based on your joy and pleasure. What do you think?

In Gassho,
Reverend Ogui

Message from the Chairperson

Sangha Members:

We are moving along on our investment of a portion of the Ikuta Funds to provide more income for the general fund. At this time we have transferred a portion of the Funds to our Key Investment Advisor who has placed the Funds in an Investment account. Our advisor has provided a list of Funds and percentages to be invested in each Fund. The Investment Committee has requested that a specific amount be invested now and will watch how the investment progresses. At some time in the future, the committee will authorize additional investments until the entire approved amount is working for the Temple.

I announced at services last week the creation of a WRBT account in the Amazon Smile program and Dennis has sent an email to the Sangha with follow up instructions. I am again including in this message, the instructions Dennis sent. If any of us purchase items from Amazon through the Smile program, the Temple will receive a credit of .5% and this money will periodically be paid to the Temple. Employing the Smile program is the same as ordering from Amazon through normal internet means. In our case, you merely go to our website at <http://wrbt.org> and when the site comes up, click on the "A" icon that resides on the lower right of our website banner. Should any of you have questions on this program, please contact myself, Dennis, or Karen for clarification.

In Gassho,
Bill Geenty

White River Buddhist Temple is Now an EcoSangha

The White River Buddhist Temple board has approved our designation as an EcoSangha.

The idea was founded by Rev. Don Castro from the Seattle Betsuin. He said, "To be a Buddhist is to be both an ecologist and a conservationist." Both BCA and the Northwest Dharma Association support and propagate the EcoSangha mission.

Many people expressed interest in the first of our Community Speaker Series when Dr. Craig Cogger spoke about climate change. We followed up with a discussion of what people can do to limit the worsening of the environment. Participants asked for ideas to be posted which further supports taking action.

Rev. Ogui brought a pamphlet from the San Jose Buddhist Church, which is also a member of the organization. We used that plus sites from the internet to personalize our brochure, which is available in the temple lobby.

White River's membership formalizes the environmentally responsible actions we have already taken such as recycling. There is a list of Earth Friendly Guidelines in the brochure along with a mission statement and specific goals. Generally, those interested agree to practice ecologically friendly behavior, become educated about the subject, and advocate for the health of Mother Earth.

There is an EcoSangha board on the wall between Dharma School and the Library. Each month, specific information will be posted on one of the six various categories of actions. We also have plans for future EcoSangha activities and education.

Your participation is strictly optional, but the opportunity is there for you to make a difference for future generations.

August Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service August 3, 2014 at 11:00 AM

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of August. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, August 3rd 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.

Hiroshi Sagara	1972	Oshie Kiyota	1991
Tomi Tsuji	1974	Zentaro Tom Maekawa	1994
Shizue Hirose	1975	Mikio Mori	1995
Hikoza Kawasaki	1976	George Shikao Uchida	2004
Harumi Karel Ikuta	1978	Susumu Clifford Hayashi	2004
Tsuki Tanaka	1979	Alice Kazuko Arita	2004
Haru Ikuta	1981	Lorraine K. Mikami	2006
Morito Nishimoto	1981	Masami Arima	2006
Misuno Nishimoto	1985	James Komoto	2013
Shiro Murashige	1989		

1 year ~ 2013 3 year ~ 2012 7 year ~ 2008

13 year ~ 2002 17 year ~ 1998 25 year ~ 1990

DESIGNATED MEMORIAL SERVICE YEARS To schedule a family memorial service, please contact office@wrbt.org or speak with Rev Ogui.

Buddhist Education Committee

Purpose, Website, Buddhist Culture - We are preparing our BEC description & Buddhism section for the temple website. With North American Post permission, we will include Rev. Ogui's articles which were translated by them & featured in their newspaper.

Notes to New Buddhists - BEC is drafting a handout for newcomers to the temple explaining Buddhist aspects.

Training for Service Chairpersons - BEC is developing a training for service chairs so that more can be comfortable knowing what this entails.

Announcements Posted In Lobby - We hope that announcements will be publicized on the lobby white board, and even in the temple newsletter. Mary will make a sign explaining to everyone to write announcements on the white board and ask the service chairperson to remind everyone to check the announcement board on their way out the door.

EcoSangha - Rev. Ogui & Mary will present to board.

Sun, July 13, Aug 3, 10, 17 - BEC Movie - "99 Years" - good movie. First episode was in June. Will show in the darker classroom in the back of the Hondo next time for better viewing. Might try boosting the sound through the sound system, also.

Sat, Sept 13 – September Body & Mind Seminar - Regular Body & Mind Seminar format featuring Rev. Dr. Mark Unno, "Great Compassion and the Mandala of One's Life Journey", along with Qi-Gong/Tai Chi, and Zen Shin Meditation. Registration forms & publicity coming soon. Also will be on temple website www.wrbt.org

Sat, Sept 27, 7:00 -8:30 pm - "Unforgettable Experiences" - Revs. Bob & Patti Oshita, Rev. KoshoYukawa, and Rev. Ogui The ministers will share experiences during their lives in the ministry for the first hour, followed by Q&A. Rev. Ogui will facilitate the evening, and intersperse with his own experiences.

Sun, Sept 28, BWA Eshinni -Kakushin ni Service Guest Speaker Rev. Patti Oshita . "Share the Life With Shinran" See BWA article for more details.

Strawberry Picking at Sakuma Brothers Farm, Burlington, WA

White River Buddhist Temple is grateful to Sakuma Brothers Farm for letting us pick strawberries for free on their 30 acres. We will use these for our annual Bon Odori Festival in making strawberry sundaes.

The Temple used to depend on the generosity of member families that farmed in this historic White River Valley of Auburn but currently no families are farming anymore.



Buddhist Women's Association

THANK YOU for donating to Year -Round Donations - April - June - We donated over 102 pounds of non

-perishable foods & toiletries to Northwest Harvest to help families because school is out for the summer! In addition, whoever donated the bag of nice clothes, we donated them to WWEE of King County in Kent, a non-profit that helps both women & men with employment & education. Visit their website www.wwee.org for more info on this special organization that, among other things, even offers 5 weeks of free education & training to homeless and low income people to develop the necessary tools to begin a new career or continue on in higher education.

- ~ **SCHOOL SUPPLIES & BABY SUPPLIES - July through September**
- ~ **Green Collection Bin in the Temple Lobby**

2014 FBWA Conference Registration - Oct 10-12, 2014 "Sharing Our Life Stories as Buddhists" conference in Irvine, CA. See the BWA bulletin board or ask Lillian or Karen for more info. Registration Deadline to Lillian by July 26.

Annual \$5 "Macy's Shop For A Cause" Fundraiser Passes are available for the Aug 23 shopping opportunity at Macy's. By purchasing a \$5 Macy's "Shop For A Cause" shopping pass from White River BWA, you support our BWA while enjoying a day of special discounts on most regular, sale and clearance purchases all day at any Macy's store on Sat, Aug 23. Some exclusions apply. White River BWA keeps 100% of every \$5 collected for these Macy's passes! Plus, you can enter to win a \$500 Macy's Gift Card at any Ma- cy's. Ask Karen or Lillian to purchase or for more info.

Saturday, Sept 27 - Join us for No-Host Dinner with our Sunday Service guest speaker Rev. Patti Oshita and husband Rev. Bob Oshita at a restaurant. RSVP by August 31 to Lillian or Karen. (See BEC report for information about Saturday night presentation.)

Sunday, Sept 28 - Our BWA Eshinni-Kakushinni special service guest speaker will be Rev. Patti Oshita of Buddhist Church of Sacramento. Plan to join us for service & lunch. And if you'd like to help prepare lunch, please contact Lillian.

Tip - Remember to wear sunscreen with effectiveness against both UVA & UVB rays (see July "Consumer Reports" for more info). And remember to drink more water than usual on hot days to prevent dehydration.

Gasso,
Karen&Lillian

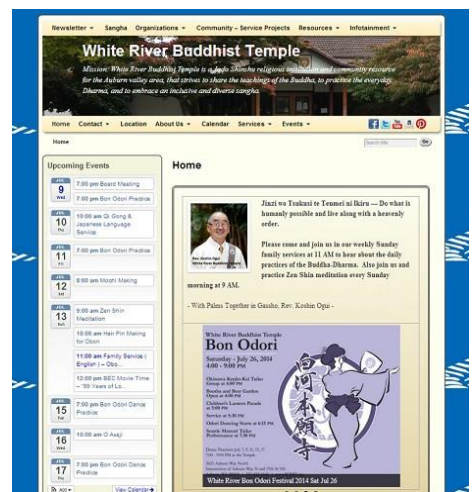
Website

Hello Fellow Sangha. Our new website debut was on Sunday, June 29. We have the same URL <http://wrbt.org> which now points to this new website. This brings our Temple website into the 21st century. We are now integrating social media into this site which contains FaceBook, Twitter, Pinterest, and will have a White River Buddhist Temple channel on YouTube.

There is an Amazon Smile button which you could press and will place you into this program, so Amazon will contribute to our Temple when- ever you purchase your products on Amazon. This is your website and would welcome any inputs or suggestions for improvement. Just send your comments to the webmaster so he can review them with the web- site committee and quickly incorporate your feedback. Our objective is to provide meaningful content and communicate to you in a timely and concise manner.

Stay tuned for a WebTV channel since we are developing a streaming channel for our Bon Odori Summer Festival on Saturday, July 26.

Dennis Asato



Newsletter by Email

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



Thank You

Justin T. for replacing the garden landscaping tile.

Welcome New Pledge Members Deidre Lorenz and Sherry Hansen

Deidre Lorenz: I'm married with one son (Tyler). I currently work for the Social Security Administration, and I live in Algona. I grew up & graduated in Hollywood, CA. I would like to get a teaching degree because my passion is to work with and teach children. Tyler and I really enjoy reading, walking, biking and shopping. I grew up attending primarily Protestant churches. I have recently gone through some type of spiritual transformation, and that is why I enjoy attending temple and learning about Buddhism.

Sherry E. Hansen: I lived in Michigan my entire life, going to college. I worked for the State of Michigan for most of my career as a forensic social worker. The move out west has been a wonderful experience, even more so with finding and joining the Temple. I have practiced vipassana meditation for many years and it is the foundation of my practice. My philosophy is that every moment is a wonderful opportunity to further my practice and follow the dharma.

I have a number of interests/hobbies- one of which is gardening. I wish to give back to the Sangha and one way is to help with the garden around the Temple. Mary C. and others have really made it wonderful and I want to support their efforts in any way I can.

Thank you for this opportunity to tell you a little about myself.
Namaste.

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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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