

# The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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### Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

When I was in high school, I once told my mother, “I am very independent. I do not want to bother others, nor do I wish to be bothered by others. I can take care of myself. Don’t worry about me.....”

She quietly listened and said, “To live is to bother others; you cannot live without bothering others. Instead, you should learn to be thankful for others. Independence is only possible through interdependence.”

She passed away in 2002, but her wisdom still lives within me today.

In Gassho,  
Reverend Ogui



### Message from the Chairperson

I wish to thank all of the Sangha for their successful efforts prior to and during the recent Bazaar and especially for filling in for me personally during my illness. It took a lot of planning and hard work (long hours) to accomplish all that contributed to our successful fund raiser.

By the time some of you read this, you already will be aware of the change in the minimum pledge donation for 2015, as presented/discussed at the Annual Meeting on November 9th.

In 2014, White River is paying the BCA approximately \$105 per pledge member per year and also has paid, in 2014, Northwest District \$8.80 per pledge member. This leaves only \$51.20 of the suggested present minimum pledge for the temple.

The Executive Committee considered the information and voted 4-1 to recommend to the Board that the suggested minimum pledge for members be raised from \$165. to \$175. for 2015. The Board voted 9 to 2 to approve the increase to \$175 for 2015. This increase will be reflected in the 2015 pledge letter which will be available to the Sangha early in December of this year.

The Board realizes that not every member can afford the minimum pledge amount and sincerely thanks the members for any pledge that they feel comfortable with and donate to the Temple. The Board also sincerely thanks those pledge members who are able to donate the minimum or larger amount. In 2013, our pledge donations amounted to approximately 27% of our operating costs and appear to be less in 2014.

The Board hopes that the Sangha realizes the deep appreciation we have for the sacrifices the members of the Sangha make with their pledges. Please do what each can within your individual means to continue to support White River Buddhist Temple.

In Gassho,  
Bill Geenty

### Year-Round Donations

~ GAMES, BOOKS, TOYS, & CLOTHING ~ 60.5# so far

For all ages including ages 6-12 ~ October through December

(Toiletries are always welcome)

**December Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service  
December 7, 2014 at 11:00 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of December. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, December 7th at 11:00 am. If any names have inadvertently been omitted, please email [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org) or speak with Rev Ogui to correct our records.

Sen Maekawa	1965	Shima Taketa	1978
Fukutaro Norikane	1967	Roger Kawasaki	1999
Chiyokichi Natsuhara	1967	Atsushi Harry Ibuki	2003
Emon Ikuta	1973	Phyllis Marie Hansen	2009
Hatsu Emma Hikida	1977	Josie Taketa	2009
Aileen Aiko Fisher	1977	Hank Miyoshi	2010

**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](mailto:office@wrbt.org) or speak with Rev Ogui.

**Buddhist Education Committee**

**DVDs & Visitations** - Thank you to Wayne & Ron for recording Rev. Ogui's Dharma Talks. Thank you to Ron for putting in many home hours into this project of rendering the Dharma Talks onto DVDs. Visitations will begin in November or December to distribute. If you or anyone you know would like to see these Dharma Talks given by Rev. Ogui on DVD, especially if homebound, please contact Rev. Ogui or Karen or anyone on the BEC.

**Interfaith Activity** - See related article in this newsletter

**Giving Tree** - There will be a Giving Tree again coordinated through Craig's church. The families we will be giving to have younger children than last year's group. See related information in this newsletter.

**Community Speakers for 2015** - Ideas in the works. If anyone has any ideas you would like to share for 2015, please let us know.

Vegetarian or Vegan Diet - Andrew with Mary assisting - January

Bees - March or April

Macrobiotic Diet & Cooking

Healthy Habits

**2015 Guest Minister Schedule so far:**

Sat, Jan 10 3:30 Public Dharma Talk by Rev. Hoshu Matsubayashi

Sun, Jan 11 11:00 HOONKO Shinran Shonin Memorial Service - Rev. Matsubayashi

Sat, Mar 14 9 - 3:30 Spring Body & Mind Seminar - Jisui Craig Horton

Sun, Mar 15 11:00 HIGAN E Spring Devotion Day, Pet Memorial Service - Jisui Horton

Sun, Apr 12 11:00 HANAMATSURI, Buddha Day - Dr. Melissa Upton Cyders

May 1-4 - Dr. Nobuo Haneda Weekend as previously arranged with Seattle

Sat, May 16 3:30 Public Dharma Talk by Rev. Hiroshi Abiko, Retired BCA Minister,

Sun, May 17 11:00 GOTAN E, Shinran Shonin's Birthday - Rev. \ Abiko

Sat, Sept 26 3:30 Public Dharma Talk by Rev. Mutsumi Wondra

Sun, Sept 27 11:00 Eshinni Kakushinni Memorial Service hosted by BWA - Rev. Wondra

**WRBT Library News**

We have some more additions to the library. Besides the new books and book exchange sections we have a large selection of DVDs and one CD that Ron Murakami prepared. All are recordings of Dharma talks and guest speakers. Another special area located on the front bulletin board and table beneath it contains materials about the Japanese-American and Japanese experiences during WWII. There are fiction and non-fiction books, reprints, booklets, and even a map of Minidoka Concentration Camp. You all are invited to visit and even check out materials. MC

### Buddhist Women's Association

**Our condolences to the Hamakami family on Mits' passing.** Her sense of humor brought fun & chuckles to our gatherings.

**Sat, Nov 15, 9:30-11:30 Community Service Scarf-Making** - watch for our report next month

**Gift Card Fundraiser - ORDER DEADLINE Sun, Nov 23** to Karen or Vivian. If you don't see the retailer or denomination that you want, ask Karen for your choice. Receive your gift cards Dec 14.

**Giving Tree** - BWA will be supporting the Giving Tree again this year. Volunteer with one of us this month if you'd like to help shop for gifts on the wish list of the families in need for the BWA contribution.

**Coins for Diapers** - Drop your loose change in the large yellow glass canister in the lobby. We will buy diapers to donate when we get enough change.

**POSTER CONTEST** - Help define our theme for the 2015 national FBWA Representatives' Meeting & 2016 Conference! Ask one of us for more details.

**Sun, Dec 7 - 12:30 - BWA General Meeting - SAVE THE DATE.** Vote on a garden project for the Dorothy Yaguchi Memorial donation, 2015 projects you would like us to pursue, door prize drawings, etc. Elections - please step up to help us out. We welcome you to join the BWA officers' team. We especially are interested in you being our fearless leaders! Please tell us you are interested!

**2014 FBWA (national) Conference** - Southern District BWA did a fantastic job putting on this year's conference! Hard act to follow! Everything seemed to flow smoothly, and FBWA President Dianne Kujubu Belli infused lots of positive energy into the meetings. Hawaii's proposed amendments to the World Federation Bylaws was put to a committee. We expect to hear from that committee in time to make our recommendation for the World Convention in Calgary in May 2015.

Susan Bottari, Terrie Masuda, & Karen Suyama were elected to our World Federation Cabinet in preparation for our FBWA hosting & leading for the 2019 World BWA Convention.

This year's FBWA conference was put on in conjunction with Southern District Buddhist Conference (similar to our NW District Conference), Southern District Buddhist Women's Association, and Southern District Dharma School Teachers' League, so they had many resources to draw from. In addition, they worked hard in soliciting over \$33,000 to help fund the conference. They featured eight special speakers to choose from and provided musical entertainment both Saturday & Sunday.

Through Donna Sasaki's lively rendition of "Seattle's Sunny Side of the Street", NW representatives from our BWA chapters invited everyone to the Northwest for the 2016 FBWA Conference.

Our Northwest BWA will be hosting the national 2015 FBWA Representatives' Meeting and the 2016 FBWA Conference. NW BWA reps on the Planning Committee for these FBWA events had to make some decisions. Rev. Dennis Fujimoto presented theme choices that the NW ministers provided. "Linked in the Nembutsu" was chosen.

Happy Thanksgiving to each and every one of you! Please take care.

Gassho,  
Karen & Lillian  
[bwa@wrbt.org](mailto:bwa@wrbt.org)

### BWA Donations

White River BWA gratefully acknowledges receipt of donations from:

Mr. John Hamakami, in memory of Mitsuko Hamakami  
Ms. Genie Lau for our Eshinni/Kakushinni service

### ABA News

The last cooking class of the year and meeting is on Thursday, November 20th.

We are again having our annual food drive. The collection box will be in the lobby.

Our condolences to the Hamakami family for the loss of Mits Hamakami. She was a member of the temple for a long time and helped in so many ways. ABA will especially miss her presence in all of our activities.

ABA gratefully acknowledges donation from Mr. John Hamakami, in memory of Mits.

### Dharma School

(Ruth Terry)

Mary and I are looking forward to teaching about the Golden Chain this November. We are also looking forward to December 7th at 10am, for our annual gingerbread house making day! You can bring any special candies you'd like to use to decorate. Please invite your friends, and let Mary or I know that they're coming so we can adjust the supplies.

Dharma School recently purchased the easy to recognize recycle, compost, and garbage cans for the Temple. We would like to thank Sharon Kosai for procuring them for us.

We would also like to thank Charlene Grinolds and the October toban for making lunch on October 26, Fall party day.

### Giving Tree

Again this year Dharma School is sponsoring a Giving Tree for children of Peace Lutheran Church in central Tacoma. Because of extreme needs for younger children, we have been assigned 4 families to adopt. A major concern is that children from the same family get approximately about the same amount. Three of our families have three children each; I don't know details about the fourth family yet.

We plan to have a short announcement and demonstration during the Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> service. If you are interested you can get more details after service. We will meet in the Dharma School room to figure out the particulars. If you can't come but are interested, please talk to Mary Cogger.

### Book Club

Last month I promised notes from our YBA boys. In September they got together to study a library book on world religions. Section one is about general religions; the boys next turned to study the chapter on Hinduism.

Tyler wrote on the board: "People around the world believe in different faiths and have different cultures. People come together for service, rituals, deaths. Not all people believe in God. Traditional beliefs have/had many god/goddesses and spiritual beliefs. Some make masks and sculptures to represent and honor their ancestors. (section 1) Hinduism began 5000 years ago. 95% from India. (Hinduism)

The adults met in a separate room to study a chapter entitled "The Mind's Eye," a very complex chapter. Our next meeting is on Sunday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to read and discuss the same chapter. You are welcome to join us. We have books available and no prior study is needed. MC

### BONNENKAI POTLUCK

Sunday December 21, 2014

Everyone is invited to the Bonnenkai potluck lunch after service on Sunday, December 21. We hope you will join us and we look forward to one of the last luncheons before the end of the year. As we do every year, we ask families to bring a dish. Now that we are down to four toban (as opposed to 6 or more in years past), we have revised the potluck dish suggestions. If you have a "specialty" and would like to bring it instead, please go ahead. Toban heads, please make sure your toban is notified.

2014 Bonnenkai potluck food suggestions :

Jan/Feb/MarToban	Salad or vegetable dish
Apr/May/Jun Toban	Main dish
Jul/Aug/Sep Toban	Main dish
Oct/Nov/Dec Toban	Rice
Dharma School	Dessert
Others	Dessert

If you have any questions, let me know.

Lillian

Oct-Nov-Dec Toban

[lillianwrbt@gmail.com](mailto:lillianwrbt@gmail.com)

### FALL BAZAAR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thank you, everyone, for all your hard work and help at the 2014 Fall Bazaar. Thank you for recruiting your family and friends to help, too! It takes a lot of people to come together to put on a fund raiser of this size. We appreciate all of you for answering our calls for help.

Thank you for your generous cash donations, hand-crafted & gently-used items for the craft sale, tasty morsels for the bake sale or refreshments, and homegrown products/plants for sale outside.

We'd like to send a special thank you to Sakuma Brothers Farm and Carpinito Farms for their produce donations, and to Kent Meridian High School Key Club members for their help with set-up and on Bazaar day.

There are over 100 photos of the Bazaar at the public Facebook page:

<https://facebook.com/whiteriverbt>

A reminder to committee chairs: Please give our thanks to your committees and all those you recruited to help. Also, send in your committee reports to [bazaar@wrbt-temple.org](mailto:bazaar@wrbt-temple.org) by November 3. The wrap-up meeting is cancelled.

Best regards with palms together,

Dennis & Lillian

2014 Bazaar Chairs, Oct-Nov-Dec Toban

*This breakfast casserole was served on Bazaar morning. Some of you asked for the recipe. I changed the recipe...see my notes in parenthesis. Enjoy! ~Lillian*

#### **Sunrise Breakfast Casserole** by Johnsonville

2 pkgs (12 oz. each) Johnsonville Original Breakfast Sausage Links (*I used 1 lb. pork sausage*)

9 eggs

3 cups milk

1½ tsp. ground mustard

1 tsp. salt

½ tsp. pepper

2 pkgs (20 oz. each) refrigerated shredded hash browns

2 cups (8 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese (*I used shredded Mexican Cheese*)

½ cup diced sweet red pepper

1/3 cup thinly sliced green onions (*I used ½ sweet onion, chopped and fried together with sausage*)

2 cups salsa or picante sauce, optional (*I didn't serve this*)

Place sausage on a 15"x10"x1" baking pan. Bake at 375 degrees F for 15-20 minutes or until sausage is no longer pink, turning once; drain and slice into ¼" coins. (I fried pork sausage and onions together.) In a large bowl, combine the eggs, milk, mustard, salt and pepper. Add the hash browns, sausage, cheese, sweet red pepper and green onions; mix well. Pour into a greased 13"x9"x2" baking dish. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees F for 65-70 minutes or until set and golden brown. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve with salsa or picante sauce if desired.

Yield: 12-15 servings

#### **Newsletter by Email**

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please contact [newsletter@wrbt.org](mailto:newsletter@wrbt.org)





**“Tea” a Heartfelt Play**

The play is a reminder that none of us are that different from anyone else when it comes to connection, love and respect, but yet we are all so different with wonderful things to offer others and the world. Unfortunately when something or someone different comes around, fearful people judge the differences as unacceptable. Some fear they will not be accepted if they truly step out of their comfort zone and become who they really are or want to be.

“Tea” tells the story of five Japanese war brides who come to live in the United States after WWII. After the young Japanese women married military men, they were relocated to Junction City Kansas, which was a very small town isolated from much of American society. There were no restaurants that provided Japanese food, as well as no cultural or spiritual activities supporting their Japanese culture. Some family members from both sides turned their back on the Japanese women and their husbands who married outside of their culture. The women were so busy with their families; it took a tragic death of one Japanese war bride for them to reconnect with one another in a special spiritual activity of drinking tea together. It was emotional and heart breaking to hear their story. Many of this experience this when something tragic brings us back together and reminds us of what is really important.

The actresses were fantastic at playing their parts and communicating to the audience. The open discussion after the play brought a variety of different people together from similar experiences, but different backgrounds. There were some African American women and a lady from Germany. Several audience members were from Asian backgrounds as well. One of the African American women was quite experienced with a socially diverse background. People came from small towns and large cities. Even with our differences many spoke of similar experiences of isolation and peoples’ unfair judgments.

I think this play opened audience minds and reminded us to be accepting of others; to make the extra effort to connect and open our hearts to people regardless of differences. It reminds us of interdependence; we all need to connect, be accepted and to be cared for. It is like yin and yang, birth and death. We all have strengths and weaknesses, and when we come together, we are well balanced. Jackie Klakken

Another group from White River Buddha Temple will attend the Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> performance.

**A Letter of Request from “Friends of IBS”**

The Temple has received a request from the Friends of IBS requesting donations for a Ministerial Scholarship Fund. The following is a brief description of the fund written by the Friends of IBS.

“Thanks to the foresight and leadership of many of our BCA members, we have created the Friends of IBS Ministerial Scholarship Fund to financially assist our ministerial students as they prepare for their future, as our ministers. At the time of this writing, we have received a grand total of \$81,550, and I am pleased to report that we have already begun the distribution of funds to our students.”

Below is a form if you would like to donate. If you need any additional information, please contact Seigen Yamaoka <[SaeEmi@aol.com](mailto:SaeEmi@aol.com)>, or Helen Tagawa <[htagawa@shin-ibs.edu](mailto:htagawa@shin-ibs.edu)>



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*Yes! Please count me in as a Friend of the Institute of Buddhist Studies. I understand that these funds will be used directly to support the endeavors of our BCA ministers of tomorrow, who wish to study at the Institute of Buddhist Studies. Checks can be made payable to IBS, with the notation “Friends of IBS” on the memo line. Please note that your contributions to the Institute of Buddhist Studies are tax deductible.*

Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_

This donation is from my organization \_\_\_\_\_

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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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