

# The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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## Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

When I am asked for calligraphy of the happiest words of my life, I now write,

**“Hands move, Legs move, Mouth move.”**

It seems to be nothing special, but we truly realize how fortunate we are when those things do not move as we wish.

In Gassho,  
Reverend Ogui



## Message from the Chairperson

Some three months ago, your Board began looking into the probability of installing an electric sign board at the middle of the front parking lot where it could be seen from the street. Part of the reasoning behind this were comments from non-members who indicated they had been passing our building for years and didn't know what it concerned/contained. Another concern among many was a desire to foster the Temple to a greater general public.

This is not an inexpensive project by any means with preliminary costs, depending on the type and method (ie: electricity or solar power), running between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

I think we are all in agreement that the Temple just doesn't have these funds available. But then a member of the Sangha stated that their family would make a significant donation in the form of a pledge to the building of this electric sign. Since then another family in the Sangha has pledged a significant amount to this project. These are pledges that would be employed only if the sign were to go built. It is a thought that other members would want to indicate a pledge amount to help with the construction of this sign. Therefore, I have asked Treasurer Bill Hirai to accept anonymous pledges from members of the Sangha towards the building of this electric sign. Be assured that pledges for this project are only to be used if we decide to go forward with the project and the amount pledged by each member/friend would remain anonymous. It should be noted that if we are able to obtain a majority of the money in pledges, there might be some outside donations available for this project.

Please give this project some serious thought and if you feel you would like to participate, you can apprise Bill Hirai of your desires, knowing that the information will remain with him in an anonymous state.

In Gassho,  
Bill Geenty

## Eitaikyo Service

Please join us for White River Buddhist Temple's annual Eitaikyo Service which will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup>. An letter of invitation is enclosed.

**November Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service**  
**November 2, 2014 at 11:00 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of November. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, November 2nd 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.

Torakichi Tsujikawa	1965	George Masakatsu Iida	1994
Tame Tsujikawa	1968	George Tadamichi Kanda	1994
Sengoro Miyoshi	1970	James Masayuki Onchi	1998
Kenzo Arita	1972	Hatsue Okimoto	2000
Masaye Nakai	1976	Chiyeko Nishimura	2003
Jitsu Nakayama	1976	Shizuko Arima	2008
Genichi Nakagawa	1978	Helen Nishimoto	2008
Hiroshi Nakayama	1983	Koko Sutow	2009
Yoneko Fujiye	1989	Mae Yamada	2010
Linda Tsugiye Nishimura	1991	Kimiko Taniguchi	2012
Charles Franklin Moss	1993		
	<b>1 year</b>	~	<b>2013</b>
	<b>7 year</b>	~	<b>2008</b>
	<b>17 year</b>	~	<b>1998</b>
			<b>3 year ~ 2012</b>
			<b>13 year ~ 2002</b>
			<b>25 year ~ 1990</b>

DESIGNATED MEMORIAL SERVICE YEARS To schedule a family memorial service, please contact [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org) or speak with Rev Ogui.

### Temple Board of Trustees Election

The Temple board election will take place in November so the board will be looking for nominees for the ballot. If you are interested in serving on board, please contact a temple board member. Charlene Grinolds, Sally Mizuki, and Bob Akiyama are coming off of the board and are not eligible for nomination.

### Book Club

One important Buddhist belief is that of impermanence. Things change.

I never know how many to expect for book club, usually held the first Sunday of the month. Today was no exception. We have a small group of people who usually come, and I was not expecting anything different. Tyler Lorenz, one of our regular members, asked me twice today if we were having book club, and each time I answered, "Yes." without thinking more about his question.

Things after service were hectic and it took me a while to get to the library. When I arrived I saw Deidre, Tyler, and a new face, Lucas Terry. Dharma School's oldest two students had come to book club. What a pleasant surprise.

Last month Tyler and I had studied a book on world religions instead of Everyday Synchronicity, this year's book. We had a very interesting session reading and discussing several of the chapters. Tyler wished to study the same book today, but Deidre and I wanted Kubose's book.

We decided to whisper read our two different books in the same room so Tyler divided the white board in half so we could post notes on our designated side. Although the boys read quietly, it was hard for me to concentrate. Deidre and I moved to the Dharma School room.

About 1:00 Ruth came to find Lucas. She was tired of waiting patiently in the car and ready to go home. After Lucas and Ruth left, Deidre and I finished our discussion and decided to continue our study of the "Mind's Eye" chapter next month.

I went into the library to clean up and saw the boy's notes on the board! They covered two chapters including a general first chapter on religion and a chapter on Hinduism.

Today I learned the lesson of impermanence once more. I am so proud and so impressed of Tyler and Lucas. What maturity and initiative they showed!

I'll include their notes in the next newsletter. Mary Cogger

## Buddhist Education Committee

### 2015 SCHEDULED so far

- Sat, March 14** Spring Body & Mind Seminar - Jisui Craig Horton
- Sun, March 15** Sunday service Dharma Talk by Jisui Craig Horton
- May 1-4** Dr. Nobuo Haneda Weekend (as previously arranged with Seattle in 2012)
- Sat, May 16** Public Dharma Talk by Rev. Hiroshi Abiko, Retired BCA Minister,  
Former LA Betsuin Rinban
- Sun, May 17** **GOTAN E, Shinran Shonin's Birthday**  
Dharma Talk by Rev. Hiroshi Abiko

**Nov 2, Sun - after service - INTERFAITH ACTIVITY** with Craig's church - attend a 2:00-3:30 play called "TEA". < <http://dukesbay.org/> > Sign up on the kitchen hallway bulletin board or contact Mary for more information.

**September Body and Mind Seminar** - Rev. Mark Unno, Rev. Ogui, Ikuko Dodobara & Junko Nakano. A sampling of questionnaire responses -

*Rev. Mark Unno's talk inspired me.*

*I discovered that I really miss Tai Chi and Qi Gong and am trying to figure out how to get back to these practices. I also learned that meditation isn't necessarily quiet nor pain free. Sensei [Ogui] does not have a light touch, but as he said, people will remember that even though they may forget his words. I liked his words, too, especially when he says in Japanese the poem by Saichi. Somehow the Japanese is more beautiful.*

*From Rev. Mark Unno, I was once again reminded that people learn in different ways, that they grieve in different ways, and that we can learn from other people and other beings such as a cat.*

### **September Oshita Weekend**

"Unforgettable Experiences In the Life of a Minister" Saturday night panel with Rinban Bob & Reverend Patti Oshita of Sacramento and Rev. Kosho Yukawa of Tacoma. Rinban Bob Oshita shared one of Rev. Yukawa's stories that illustrated if we are greedy, we become small people. This story will soon be published and Tessa Asato will be the illustrator. Rev. Patti Oshita shared how she & Mrs. Yukawa decided to study through the Minister's Assistant Program. Rev. Yukawa shared about his feelings coming over to America all by himself when he was a teenager.

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### Dates to Remember

- Nov 2, Sun - after service - Interfaith Activity with Craig's church - attend a 2:00-3:30 play called "TEA". < <http://dukesbay.org/> >
- Nov 4, Tue - NH Medicare Updates & Healthcare Reform - Cho Shimizu

## Eco Sangha

We received our new color-coded "slim Jim" cans to help us better separate garbage, recycle, and yard waste compost. They are all labelled with stickers with detailed info about what to put in which can.

Car Wash:

We will be selling discounted car wash tickets during the Bazaar.

Did you know that it is more ecologically friendly to take your car to a car wash instead of doing it yourself and allowing the runoff to enter the storm drains?

Check out the changes in the bulletin board this month.

## ABA News

At the last ABA meeting we planned to again have the season's food drive since it is always so successful. Monetary donations are also welcome. All food and donations go directly to the Auburn food bank.

Our next cooking class is scheduled for Thursday Nov. 20 with Katie the instructor. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Buddhist Women's Association

**Year-Round Donations** - Green Collection Bin in the Temple Lobby – We donated 133.5 pounds of school supplies & baby supplies in addition to the first batch of 12 backpacks & toiletries to the Auburn Food Bank in the quarter just ending! WOW! Thank you for your support!

### Year-Round Donations

~ **GAMES, BOOKS, TOYS, & CLOTHING** ~

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

**Gift Card Fundraiser - ORDER DEADLINE Sun, Nov 23.** Pay regular price for gift cards that you normally buy for others or for your own use. Remember to get gift cards for your own gas & groceries, too. Order forms with this month's newsletter and also in temple lobby. Receive your gift cards at temple on Sun, Dec. 14. Contact Karen or Lillian for more info.

**2014 FBWA Conference** - We're going to Irvine this month to learn what we need to do for registration & credentials for 2015 & 2016 when we in the Northwest host. Will share more next month ...

**Sat, Nov 15 - 9:30-11:30 a.m. - Community Service Scarf Making** - Help us make scarves for those in need during the winter. Bring your ruler and scissors or cutting board & rotary cutter. We'll have coffee & treats! Ask Vivian for more info.

**Sun, Dec 7 - 12:30 - BWA General Meeting** - SAVE THE DATE

**Eshinni Kakushinni Service Special Guest Minister Reverend Patti Oshita** shared insightful detail into the lives of Eshinni and Shinran how they truly respected & supported each other. Reverend Patti also reminded us, "Don't take each other for granted." and to appreciate each other now while we are still alive. Thank you, BWA families, for the wonderful lunch!

**TIP - ONIONS!** Did you know that if you cut an onion against or across the grain and finely chop it, the flavor is further influenced for a stronger, fuller, more complex flavor in cooked applications? So it says in the Sept & Oct 2014 issue of *Cook's Illustrated Magazine*.

Today is the first day of the rest of our lives. Let's enjoy and take care of ourselves & each other.

Gassho,

Lillian & Karen  
bwa@wrbt.org

## BWA Donations

WRBWA gratefully acknowledges a donation of from Mr. Wayne Nakai in memory of Hiro Nakai.

We gratefully acknowledge the many generous donations for our Eshinni/Kakushinni service from the following:

M/M Dennis and Lillian Asato  
Mrs. Connie Toda  
M/M Jim and Ikuko Dodobara  
M/M Bill and Norma Geenty  
M/M Lorin and Charlene Grinolds  
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Mrs. Any Kato  
Mrs. Rosie Kato  
Mrs. Lilly Kato

M/M Shiyoji and Pat Kawabata  
M/M George and Lily Komoto  
Mrs. Kathryn Komoto  
M/M Ron and Karen Murakami  
Mr. Charles Natsuhara  
Ms. Kathryn Natsuhara  
M/M Itsuo and Yuri Shiotani  
Mrs. Michiko Toyoshima  
Onaijin Offerings

### Newsletter by Email

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please contact

<mailto:newsletter@wrbt.org>



### **Thank You!**

– Randy Okimoto, Charles Natsuhara, and Dennis Asato for sealing temple roof on two 80+ degree day

### Sign Up for Medicare Updates & Healthcare Reform Class

Remember to sign up for this worthwhile class that takes place on Wed, Nov 4, at the temple! Cho Shimizu will share how the latest changes to Medicare and Health Reform can affect you. Tuition is free for our temple members, but you must register at

< <https://apm.activecommunities.com/nikkeiconcerns/Home> > Questions? Call Nikkei Horizons at (206) 726-

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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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