

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

My father passed away on February 27, 1967 at age of 69 in Saga, Japan. He was diagnosed with terminal stomach cancer and was told by his doctor that he had six months to live. My father invited my younger brother and me to a hot spring inn near our home for three days and two nights.

He told us that the cancer was a thoughtful disease because it gave him a chance enjoy dinner and time together, and be able to say thank you to both of us. His smile is still the treasure of my life.

In Gassho,
Reverend Ogui

Message from the Chairperson

Even though we were on break for two weeks, a number of events occurred and are planned for September.

On September 4th, Rev Ogui conducted the first of the classes in Buddhism 101. The remaining three classes will be on the following Thursdays - the 11th, 18th and 25th of September. There were six new attendees and from the conversation at Temple and after the initial class, more than likely there will be additional attendees. It is not required that one attend all classes. Anybody can start the classes at any time. Three of the initial attendees learned about the classes from the website and emails. A fourth attendee was a long time member of the Temple who had been absent for some time. A great start for this series of classes.

On September 5th, we had a guest speaker provided by the BCA. Rev Akinori Imai is the former Bishop of Higashi Hongwanji in Hawaii and also Bishop for North America and is now retired with, as he said, an unlisted phone number in California. There were some 12 or 13 attendees, many of whom later adjourned for dinner with Rev Imai and Rev and Mrs Ogui.

On September 13th, The Temple will host the Body and Mind Seminar beginning at 09:30. This will feature Rev Mark Unno who has presented this seminar in the past. Also there will be a presentation of Qi-Gong and Tai Chi by Junko Nakano and Ikuko Dodobara. After lunch, there will be Zen Shin Meditation led by Rev Koshin Ogui. Not something to be missed. Then Sunday at 11:00 we will have our OHIGAN Family Service and our Pet Memorial Service, again with Rev Mark Unno presenting the Dharma message. Following service, lunch will be served.

To end this busy month, on Saturday the 27th at 7:00 PM there will be a panel discussion on Unforgettable Experiences featuring Revs Bob and Patti Oshita, Rev K. Yukawa and Rev K. Ogui. Sunday's service will be our annual Eshinni-Kakushinni service in honor of Shinran's wife and daughter. Our guest speaker will be Rev Patti Oshita. Following service we will be having lunch.

Although we all enjoyed the brief break, September is a very busy month and coming up quickly after all this is our Fall Bazaar. I look forward to seeing many from the Sangha as it's free to participate in most of these events.

In Gassho,
Bill Geenty

October Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
October 5, 2014 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 5th 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.

Tsune Onchi	1966	Henry Ichiro Komatsu	1989
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

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

Rev. Akinori Imai - On Sept 5, through the BCA Center for Buddhist Education, Rev. Imai provided thoughtful words on the difficulties that arise from trying to understand Jodo Shinshu Buddhism while living in the God-centered culture present in the United States. While he touched on the emphasis on ego in the US and summarized the fundamental idea of dependent origination, he reminded us to think with our hearts and not just our brains as we seek to understand the Jodo Shinshu teachings. We are grateful for the Buddhist Churches of America trying to reach out to our temple members.

"99 Years of Love" - Thank you to Charles Natsuhara, Nobby Taguchi, & Ron Murakami for all the time & preparations for showing all the episodes at the temple!

2015 BEC Schedule - Rev. Ogui will set up the visiting minister schedule for 2015.

Educational Materials - BEC has started work on some educational materials - "Notes to New Buddhists" and "Service Chairperson Training".

Future Community Speakers - Andrew is preparing a presentation about the vegan diet & way of life. More info coming. Mary will assist.

Ruth will arrange for a Green River Community College professor, who is a bee expert, to come talk to us. More info coming for both.

Interfaith Activity - Mary shared about an interfaith activity opportunity with her husband, Craig's, church on Sunday, Nov 2, after service to attend a play called "TEA". For more info, ask Mary or watch the lobby announcements board or temple website www.wrbt.org

UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS

- Sept 13, Sat - September Body and Mind Seminar - Rev Dr Mark Unno, Rev. Ogui, Junko Nakano, Ikuko Dodobara
- Sept 14, Sun - Ohigan & Pet Memorial Service - Sunday Service Guest Minister - Rev Dr Mark Unno
- @ SEATTLE - Sept 20 - Seattle BWA Women's Seminar - Rev Carol O'Dowd & Rev Midori Kondo (pre-registration required)
- Sept 27, Sat - 7:00-8:30 pm - "Unforgettable Experiences" with Rev Bob Oshita, Rev Patti Oshita, Rev Kosho Yukawa, and Rev Ogui
- Sept 28, Sun - Eshinni - Kakushinni Service - BWA hosting Rev Patti Oshita
- Nov 2, Sun - Interfaith Activity in Tacoma with Craig's church

Saturday, Sept 27**Buddhist Women's Association**

4:30 – No-host dinner at a Chinese restaurant with Rev. Patti Oshita and ministers participating in evening discussion. For more information or to sign up, contact Karen or Lillian the week before by Saturday, Sept. 20.

7:00-8:30 pm - "Unforgettable Experiences" with Rev Bob Oshita, Rev Patti Oshita and Rev Kosho Yukawa. Rev. Ogui facilitating & also sharing.

Sunday, September 28 11:00am –**Esshinni-Kakushinni Service** with guest speaker Rev. Patti Oshita of Buddhist Church of Sacramento - "Share the Life With Shinran". Lunch following service will also be sponsored by BWA.

2014 FBWA Conference Five WR BWA members will attend the conference titled “Sharing our Life Stories as Buddhists” in Irvine, CA October 10-12.

Year-Round Donations - Green Collection Bin in the Temple Lobby – As of the end of August, 82 pounds of school supplies & baby supplies in addition to the 12 backpacks & toiletries were donated to the Auburn Food Bank! Keep the donations coming in. See collection schedule below. Thank you for your support!

- ~ **SCHOOL SUPPLIES & BABY SUPPLIES - July through September** ~
~ **GAMES, BOOKS, TOYS, & CLOTHING for all ages including ages 6-12** ~
October through December

Gassho,

Lillian & Karen
bwa@wrbt.org

2014 FALL BAZAAR

Sunday, October 19, 2014

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Our annual Fall Bazaar takes place on Sunday, October 19, 2014 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This is the third of our fundraisers this year, and we welcome everyone to this popular event. Foods include: maki sushi, inari sushi, chicken teriyaki, udon, rice curry, tsukemono, mochi, manju, pies, and baked goods. Handicrafts and produce are always popular.

We need a lot of people-power for this event, and welcome any help we can get. Please contact Dennis or Lillian by email or leave a message at the temple at 253.833.1442. Donations of handicrafts, produce, and bake goods are most welcome and appreciated. Thank you in advance for your Dana.

With palms together,
Dennis & Lillian Asato
Bazaar chairs
Bazaar@wrbt-temple.org

**Newsletter by
Email**

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

**ABA Donation**

ABA gratefully acknowledges generous donation from Mr. Wayne Nakai in memory of Hiro Nakai.

Library News

Next book club meeting is Sunday, Oct.5 th.

Many books, newly catalogued are now available. There is a shelf in the AV section to showcase some of the new books.

You will now find a book exchange in the library. These are books not of quality or type to add to the library collection. Most are not about Buddhism. The books are free to take out without checking them out. Feel free if you have one or several books to add. Let's share the books we do not want any more.



The Play

After the end of World War II, five Japanese women come to the United States as “war brides,” settling with their American husbands in an army base in Junction City, Kansas. Following the tragic death of one of the women, the other four gather together to share tea and remembrance. As each woman’s story unfolds, we learn what life in small-town America gave them, and what it took away. Told with a mixture of sadness, joy, beauty and humor, *Tea* examines a chapter of American history that has been nearly forgotten.

TEA features an Asian-American cast, which includes Eloisa Cardona, Aya Hashiguchi, Kathy Hsieh, Susan Mayeno and Joy Misako St. Germain. It is directed by Randy Clark.

On Sunday, Nov. 2nd after service WRBT will attend the play “Tea”. Tickets are \$15.00 each. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet on the announcement board by October 19th to assure us all a seat. Mary Cogger will reserve space and you can purchase your tickets at the door.

We will leave quickly after service to eat lunch at the Tacoma Temple Bazaar.

Carpooling is available and encouraged.

The play begins at 2:00 PM and a discussion after the play gives an opportunity for inter-faith exchange.

See more at: <http://dukesbay.org/shows> and on the WRBT announcement board.

Bellevue Arts Museum Outing by Lilly Kato

On Saturday, Sept 6, the BWA Fun Fellowship outing was a trip to the Bellevue Arts Museum to view the exhibits "The Art of Gaman" and "Folding Paper, The Infinite Possibilities of Origami." It was our good fortune to have had the services of Barbara, a docent who was very knowledgeable of both exhibits.

The art was incredible; beautiful objects made out of scrap wood and carved with the crudest of homemade tools; and crafts fashioned from whatever was available; remnants of fabric, pipe cleaners and shells from the lake beds. All were handmade by the internees while they were incarcerated in the various camps. The "Art of Gaman" exhibit was assembled by Curator Delphine Hirasuna who authored the book *The Art of Gaman Arts and Crafts from the Japanese American Internment Camps 1942-1946*.

In addition, we were able to view the amazing ways in which origami pieces were shown -- paper folding to the extreme with angles and abstracts.

Many thanks to Eva Chun & others who planned the outing and to Karen Murakami who provided the transportation.



Karen, Vivian, LuAnn, Eva, Katie, Lilly

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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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