

The White Path

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Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

Twenty five hundred years ago, Shakyamuni Buddha (the Enlightened Historical Buddha) called this world a SAHA World which means, the World of Endurance. The World of Endurance simply means “things do not go as we wish.” If things went as we wished, we should be surprised and appreciative. However, if things do not go as we wish, we should view it as normal and smile.

In Gassho,
Reverend Ogui

Message from the Chairperson

I want to take a minute to thank and congratulate the members of the Sangha and their many friends who worked so hard to make our recent Bon Odori a resounding success. As in the past, we had a large and enthusiastic crowd who appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves and purchased most of the items the Temple had for sale. Our net from Bon Odori was slightly above our normal amount which was and is very encouraging.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a comment from Ruth Terry regarding Dharma School. Recently Ruth and Mary Cogger have added new furniture, doubled the size of the class and established an updated curriculum for the coming year. If the opportunity presents itself, please stop in and talk with either Ruth or Mary and observe the improvements in the Dharma School.

At this point, I wish to inform you of the accomplishments of your Board of Directors since the beginning of 2014.

We have established an Eitaikyo Policy which has been promulgated in previous newsletters. Additionally, we have established a substantial Eitaikyo Fund which will be restricted to use per stated policy. In conjunction with this fund, we have finalized a substantial amount in the Onajin Fund and these two funds will be added to as new donations, specifically designated for them, are received by the Temple.

The Investment Committee has established an Investment Policy, selected an Investment Adviser, moved a portion of the Ikuta Funds to an Investment Account and begun investing these funds at a better rate of return than our previous CD's. As time passes and the Committee observes the results of the initial investment, additional funds marked for this investment program will be designated for our Adviser to invest.

The Temple Campaign Committee had previously developed a letter and brochure to be sent to non-pledge members who are close friends of the Temple. The results of the first mailing have been very encouraging resulting in approximately 30% of respondents making donations. The Committee is working on an additional list of letters to go out later this year. In the future, these lists will be combined in an annual request of support for the Temple.

Finally, we have procured a defibrillator which is mounted on the wall in the all purpose room near the Hondo. We have approximately eight personnel who are already trained in the use of the defibrillator and I am sure there are others who have acquired this skill on the outside. I still am hopeful that a number of members of the Sangha, up to eight, will volunteer to take a CPR, First Aid and Defibrillator course in the near future. I especially would like to see some of the younger members take this course. If you are already qualified in these lifesaving methods, I would appreciate having your names for my records.

We have accomplished quite a bit and look forward to continued success for the Sangha and Temple.

In Gassho,
Bill Geenty

September Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service September 7, 2014 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 7th 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	Joe Toshio Nishimoto	2001
Yae Okimoto	1972	Jack Schilthroat	2002
Rikuye Kawasaki	1975	May Fumie Kajikami	2003
Charley Miyoshi	1983	Janis Tsuneko Ikuta	2005
Matsuo Sakagami	1988	Takejiro Hama	2009
Jackie Kawasaki Wills	1991	Edward Tanaka	2013
Edwin Arima	1997		

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

Sept 5, Friday - BCA VISITING MINISTER PROGRAM - BCA will be sending a BCA minister for visitations to the Northwest. We want to encourage everyone to support the guest minister by attending this discussion as well as all the September events. This discussion is being offered during the daylight hours. Watch announcement board in lobby or www.wrbt.org for more information.

Friday, Sept 5 @ White River

3:00 Discussion - BCA Minister

5:30 No-Host Dinner at Restaurant. RSVP to Karen by Aug. 31

Please join us for the no-host dinner after, too. RSVP before Aug 31 to Karen for the dinner.

Sat, Sept 13 - SEPTEMBER BODY & MIND SEMINAR - REV. DR. MARK UNNO - "Great Compassion and the Mandala of One's Life Journey". Junko Nakano & Ikuko Dodobara will be teaching Tai Chi & Qi Gong. Rev. Ogui will teach Zen Shin Meditation & facilitate. 9:30 - 3:30. Registration forms are enclosed with this newsletter. Registration deadline is the Sunday before.

Sat & Sun, Sept 27 & 28 - REV. PATTI OSHITA, REV. BOB OSHITA, & REV. KOSHO YUKAWA Saturday, Sept 27, 7:00-8:30 pm - "Unforgettable Experiences" - Rev. Bob & Rev. Patti Oshita (Sacramento), and Rev. Kosho Yukawa (Tacoma) will be sharing personal anecdotes. Rev. Ogui will facilitate and interject with his own unforgettable experiences as minister and as Bishop of BCA.

7:00-8:00 Each will present

8:00-8:30 Q&A

Sun, Sept 28, Eshinni-Kakushinni Guest Speaker Rev. Patti Oshita. "Share the Life With Shinran". BWA will be hosting the Sunday service & lunch.

Dates to Remember

- Aug 3, Sun - 12:15-2:45 - BEC Movie - "99 Years of Love" - part 3 - brown bag lunch
- Aug 10, Sun - 12:15-2:45 - BEC Movie - "99 Years of Love" - part 4- brown bag lunch
- Aug 17, Sun - 12:15-2:45 - BEC Movie - "99 Years of Love" - part 5, if needed- brown bag lunch
- Sept 5, Fri - 3:00 CBE visiting minister
- Sept 13, Sat - 9:30 - 3:30 September Body and Mind Seminar - Rev Dr Mark Unno
- 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
- Sept 27, Sat - 7:00-8:30 pm - "Unforgettable Experiences" with Rev Bob Oshita, Rev Patti Oshita and Rev Kosho Yukawa. Rev. Ogui facilitating & also sharing
- Sept 28, Sun - Eshinni - Kakushinni Service & Lunch - BWA hosting Rev Patti Oshita

Buddhist Women's Association

Saturday, Sept 27 - Join us for No-Host SATURDAY Dinner with 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, September 28 Esshinni-Kakushinni Service Our BWA Eshinni-Kakushinni special service guest speaker will be Rev. Patti Oshita of Buddhist Church of Sacramento - "Share the Life With Shinran". Plan to join us for service with lunch to follow. BWA members, please bring a potluck dish to share and if you'd like to help set up lunch, contact Lillian.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES & BABY SUPPLIES - July through September - Year-Round Donations - Green Collection Bin in the Temple Lobby - So far we've donated 12 backpacks & some toiletries to Auburn Food Bank! Keep the donations coming. Thank you for your support!

Annual \$5 "Macy's Shop For A Cause" Fundraiser Passes - We sold \$70 of shopping passes for \$70 profit! Thank you members & thank you Macy's!

Tip – Rub faucet with waxed paper to prevent water spots and finger prints.

Gassho,

Lillian & Karen

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Dharma School

Hello, this is Ruth Terry. Mary and I are looking forward to this coming Dharma school year which begins September 7th! We will begin with the basics of Buddhist etiquette and the history of our temple. Later we will learn about the life of Shinran Shonin. We have lots of ideas for this coming school year. Please come to class if you're interested in seeing what we're doing. Bring your children or come on your own. If you're interested in helping, or have any questions, please contact me, Ruth Terry, at [ruthschilthroat@ yahoo .com](mailto:ruthschilthroat@yahoo.com) .

Thank You from Dharma School

Dharma School would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of you for helping make our only fundraiser of the year a success! Every year at Obon, we make mochi and manju to raise funds to support our Dharma School students as well as projects for the Temple.

In addition to giving a percentage of our profits back to the Temple, we have been able to sponsor the yearly Hanamatsuri, Bodhi Day, and Fall Party lunches. We have also purchased the following items for the Temple:

Cabinets for the Dharma School classroom \$2300

Seven Masters Scroll on the Onajin \$3000

Commercial Coffee Maker and Coffee Cart \$800

Play area chips \$800

KitchenAid Mixer, knives, cooling racks, sheet pans, oven gloves, timers, thermometers, non-stick frying pans, and various kitchen tools \$1000

Thank you again for your generous support!!

Newsletter by Email

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Bon Odori Thank You

Congratulations to all White River Temple members and supporters on another very successful Bon Odori Festival. It took a lot of planning and hard work by everyone involved, but this year's Bon Odori could prove to be one of our best fundraising activities. Preliminary reports indicate that gross receipts were up and expenses down. So, thanks again for all of your hard work.

In gassho,
Randy Okimoto and Charlene Grinolds
Bon Odori Co-chairpersons

EcoSangha

Obon was pretty successful as far as recycling and composting. Kathryn Natsuhara set up cans with signs with what to use the can for. Noah Hensley and Andrew Z were right on the spot during the event as they emptied containers and moved them out of the way. There were a group of us on Sunday morning to sort through bags and cans and get things in the right can.

It is hard for many of us to know which container to put waste into; even when we try, we make mistakes. Waste Management, Auburn's waste company, delivered many large stickers so we can label all our containers. That might help some. Thanks all who are working to help with our waste.

There was a tri-fold EcoSangha display set up during Obon with free handouts and pamphlets. At least 16 handouts were distributed. The display is now temporarily located in the library if you did not get to see it. Also, there are pamphlets by the display as well as in the entry foyer to the right of the main hondo entrance doors.

Part of the bulletin board in the hall to the bathrooms changed for August. You may now find ways to advocate and activate for the Earth. If you know of a reputable Environmental Protection agency please add the name to the board.

If you have any ideas regarding EcoSangha please contact Mary Cogger at coggermh@nventure.com.

WRBT Garden

You have probably noticed all the beautiful flowers as you drive in to the temple. In the last two years many have helped the garden grow to what it is today.

In the beginning the board approved the project. Randy Okimoto and Stogie Kawabata helped remove the large shrubs and stumps. Randy has worked endless hours hauling loads of yard waste to the transfer station and bringing bark to cover the paths.

Bill and Norma Geenty have provided bags and bags of newspapers to lay over weeds and grass as a mulch to be covered with bark.

I lost track of all the volunteers last year who watered and weeded. I would mention some names but don't want to leave anyone out. In our two years many have donated plants, some anonymously.

To begin work this spring, Monica Furtick and her husband weeded both sides of the garden to help the flowers grow. Rev. Ogui pruned the large red Japanese maple, and Tagro of Tacoma delivered their black bark to mulch the growing beds. We now have a new crew to water, weed and deadhead. Sherry Hansen, Deidre Lorenz, Nob Taguchi, and Janis Yamada have divided up the work to help our garden grow. To help out, our caretaker, Justin Tanahill invented and built a creative sprinkler system to make the watering faster.



This summer, the original vision of the garden was fully realized when Lilly Kato made the first all garden flower arrangement to be presented on the Onaijin. There is a picture of her beautiful arrangement in Pat Kawabata's book of Onaijin arrangements. All of those who arrange the flowers and greens are welcome to use any of the plants growing in our garden.

There was more good news this spring when the BWA voted to use a memorial donation honoring Dorothy Yaguchi to enhance both the garden and the entrance. Carole Garcia is currently researching a WRBT entry sign, arbor, and wisteria.

Our garden is the work of many caring hands.

In Gassho, Mary Cogger

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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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