

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

The Newsletter is one of the most important communication tools for the Temple, members, and people in general. Without it, the Temple cannot function as a Temple. There is a lot of work in putting together a publication each month, 12 times a year. We should know there are people who have been working to make this possible. Kathryn Natsuhara and Sharon Kosai have been working to provide you with the newsletter for the past three years; we are very grateful for their dedication. Sharon will be transferring the role to Tom

Taylor who volunteered to put together the newsletter each month. Please offer him your support and appreciation for his efforts.

In Gassho,
Reverend Ogui



Message from the Chairperson

It has been a very busy last 30 or so days. In the middle of February, the Northwest District Convention was held in Bellevue with the theme of EVERYDAY RHYTHM of the NEMBUTSU. The Key Note speaker was Rev Harry Bridge and he also gave the Dharma presentation. His incorporation of all types of music in both presentations was extraordinary and set the tone for an informative and enjoyable Convention. White River was well represented and all seemed to appreciate the seminars and the camaraderie. This was followed at the end of February and the first of March by The National Council Meetings in San Diego with the theme of LIVE A REAL LIFE. This was attended by Charlene Grinolds, Ron Murakami, VP Wayne Mizuki and myself.

One of the specific reasons to attend was to vote on the recommended assessment of \$10 per person in the BCA for two years to pay for solar panel cells to be installed on the Jodo Shinshu Center Building. Much opposition was manifested in the discussion and the subject was sent back to the National Board for determination but it was stated that no assessment would be levied on Sangha members for this project if it is approved. Financing will have to come from another source. Another seminar of great interest to White River, was the subject of the BCA Endowment Funds. As you may remember, the Investment Committee is considering placing the majority of the Ikuta funds that we are investing, with one or more BCA investment funds. The seminar was informative and we brought back reports to be discussed by the Investment Committee and subsequently, decisions will be made.

One of the vendors in attendance were the representatives of the Japan Memorial Corporation. They are a company that restores the Onaijin, altars and fixtures on the altar. In 2011, they came to White River and completed a study of our facility and pointed out some of the repairs the we, at White River, need to consider. After returning from the BCA National, we received an email copy of the corporation's 2011 report. We now have to review this report and consider some decisions on future repair to the Onaijin.

In Gassho,
Bill Geenty

Condolences

The temple extends its deepest sympathies to Mrs. Marrie Yamashita, Dennis Yamashita, Rev. Koshin Yamamoto and the Yamashita family on the passing of Rev. Kiyoshi Seishin Yamashita. Rev. Yamashita was born in Auburn and had many ties to the Auburn - Seattle area. He passed away on January 20, 2015 in Berkeley, CA.

**April Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
April 5, 2015 at 11:00 AM**

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

Richard William Arima	1983	Frank Senji Natsuhara	1999
Reiko Yamamoto	1989	Misao Tsukamaki	1999
Dennis Tanaka	1990	Roy Fujisawa Bingo	2000
Barbara Kimiko Tsuji	1993	Fujie Yabusaki	2004
Kenzo Kinoshita	1995	Tetsuo Yanagawa	2006
Frank Masaru Arima	1995	Kaoru Yanagawa	2010
George Akio Taketa	1997	Shari Watanabe	2010

1 year ~ 2014	3 year ~ 2013	7 year ~ 2009
13 year ~ 2003	17 year ~ 1999	25 year ~ 1991

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

Buddhist Education Committee

NEW WEEKDAY EVENING SERVICES will start on Thursday evenings 6:30 for 3 months trial period to accommodate people on different schedules. These services will precede the 7:00 Buddhism 101 classes throughout March and continue through April & May. Thank you, Rev. Ogui, for your efforts in reaching out to everyone to meet the needs in sharing the Dharma!

We will soon have a poster listing the 4 types of services offered at our temple. Thank you, Mary.

Sundays	9:00 am	Meditation Service
	11:00 am	Family Service
Thursdays	6:30 pm	Weeknight Service
Thursdays	10:00 am	Japanese Language Service
	(2nd & 4th)	

NEW MEMBER WELCOME is scheduled for Sunday, April 12, on Buddha's Birthday (Hanamatsuri). New pledge members will be presented Monto Shikisho, Onenju, & Everyday Suchness. Welcome invitation letters will be sent by Rev. Ogui & President Bill Geenty to new members Jackie Klakken, Chiho Pe-witt, Lee Rowe, & Thomas Taylor.

Rev. Ogui & President Bill are asking for people to let them know of new infants to be presented with infant Monto Shikisho & Onenju.

Library is featuring a new exhibit "Meditation & Mindfulness" - Stop in to explore your horizons.

Rev. Ron Kobata will be our special BEC guest speaker for service on Sunday, Oct 11, 2015. We wanted to take advantage of the opportunity that Rev. Kobata will already be in the area for the FBWA 2015 Representatives' Meeting. BEC will cover Rev. Kobata's expenses for this visit.

- Sat, Mar 14 9 - 3:30 Spring Body & Mind Seminar**
Jisui Craig Horton, Cleveland Buddhist Temple
- Sun, Mar 15 11:00 HIGAN E Spring Devotion Day, Pet Memorial Service**
Jisui Craig Horton
- Sun, Apr 5 12:15 COMMUNITY SPEAKER Andrew Zyskowski with Carole Garcia**
"Eat a Planet Healthy Diet" - 1 hour talk followed by Q&A
- Sun, Apr 12 11:00 HANAMATSURI, Buddha Day & Hatsumairi & Welcome New Members**
Guest Speaker & WRBT Pledge Member Dr. Melissa Upton Cyders
UW Pathology Residency Training Program Director
UW Professor of Pathology
- Sun, Apr 26 12:15 COMMUNITY SPEAKER Dr. Danny Najera, Scientist, Entomologist, Ecologist -**
"Humans, Honeybees, and Sustainability". 1 hour talk followed by Q&A.

BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

YEAR-ROUND DONATIONS - January-March - Paper Supplies (Kleenex, toilet tissue, etc)

April-June - Non-Perishable Foods & Toiletries (canned & dried foods, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.) because children are not in school.

NW BWA - Great NW Buddhist Convention hosted by Seattle. Just to briefly catch you up on action items voted on at the NW BWA meetings:

1. Passed amendment to Bylaws of NW BWA regarding annual dues – Changed from \$2 to \$4 per member
2. Passed - NW Shin Buddhist Grant – 2015 Contribution decreased from \$650 to \$400 because we are hosting FBWA events for 2015 & 2016 and want to be ready in case we need more funds.
3. Passed - Japan Youth Exchange – 2 young ladies from Japan will be visiting Northwest. (2 from Northwest visited Japan last year.) Up to \$1000 was voted on & approved for expenditures. We were told that most of this will probably not be used since volunteers will most likely donate.
4. NW BWA Cabinet Rotation – New rotation was started for NW cabinet. We are transitioning so that the NW Buddhist Convention hosting chapter is not also NW BWA Cabinet at the busiest time. Idaho-Oregon BWA needed help to fill cabinet positions. Tacoma stepped up to help them. A committee will be formed to come up with a better rotation schedule.
5. 2015-2016 FBWA Planning – Voted on poster. Winning entry was the crane.
6. Online registration for 2015 FBWA Reps' Meeting will be open soon.

Fun Fellowship - Janis, Vivian, & Karen were glad they went! What a fabulous show at the Auburn Avenue Theater - "What The World Needs Now: The Bacharach / David Songbook" on March 7! Four talented vocalists sang their hearts out as the 9-piece orchestra played their musical medleys through memorable hit tunes. Well done, Purple Phoenix Productions!

Sun, Mar 22 - BWA Tea (everyone is invited) & BWA General Meeting (ladies, please grab your lunches & meet in the classroom) - Remember to join us after service at 12:15.

- Proposal to vote on - BWA Donation to Jodo Shinshu Center to pay down the BCA debt.
- Dorothy Yaguchi Memorial Project - We need your help. In the process of forming a committee to move project to next phase. Please volunteer or say yes if asked to serve on this committee.
- Volunteers for Committees. Sign-ups for Fun Fellowship events. Door prizes!

Wed afternoon, Mar 25 - Making Chocolate Pretzels Class – Karen's cousin Jeanne from Idaho-Oregon will be teaching us how! Must pre-register with Karen by Sun, March 22 so that we can have supplies on-hand for you to make your own during class. Questions, ask Karen.

Sat, Mar 28 - 9:00-11:00 COMMUNITY SERVICE - Scarf Making - Lend a hand for this worthwhile event. Bring your scissors. We'll make the scarves now and donate them just as cold weather hits in the fall.

Sun, Mar 29 12:15-1:45 Afternoon of Games. Come for fun & games & socializing! Bring your brown bag lunch.

Gassho,
Karen
BWA Co-President
bwa@wrbt.org

ABA

Please join us for our Men's Cooking Class and ABA Meeting

- March 19: 10:00 am Men's Cooking Class
1:00 pm ABA Meeting
April 16: 10:00 am Men's Cooking Class

Dharma School

Hello everyone, hope you have been enjoying the unseasonably warm weather we've been getting! We are still getting ready for Hanamatsuri and working on our Shinran Shonin displays. They are coming along nicely. Remember that March 15th there will be no Dharma School class. There will be class on March 22nd and April 5th. April 12th is Hanamatsuri. See you then!

Spring Fundraiser

Our Spring Fundraiser is just around the corner, Chicken Teriyaki Dinner & Bake Sale April 19, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Work party sign up sheets are in the foyer of the Temple. Please sign up on the work sheets or call Charlene Grinolds at [253-630-2279](tel:253-630-2279). We will have an online sign up later this month so watch for that on our website. We appreciate any help you can provide. We would also like to ask all of you who have received Chicken Dinner tickets to please let Roger Fukai or Charlene Grinolds know by April 11 how many tickets you have sold or return the unsold tickets so we can make sure we have enough dinners.

Thank You...

Justin Tanahill for the donation, construction, and installation of the BBQ Gazebo. Charles Natsuhara assisted Justin in constructing and installing it.

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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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