

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

I was asked, "What is a pure and virtuous deed, and how could we create those which build up a pure mind and virtuous character of one's life?" My answer is, "Just do it and do not expect any compensation." You may be able to say, "It's my joy. It's my pleasure to do what I can do."

When you find joy in whatever you do and you are able to think, "It's my pleasure or even an honor to be able to do it," your deed becomes your pure spirit and virtuous character which create one's Karma.

Namuamidabutsu in Gassho,
Reverend Ogui



Message from the Chairperson

It appears that 2015 is a year of change. As you may remember, Tom Taylor had volunteered to take over the collating and publishing of the temple Newsletter. By doing this, Tom would give long time and hard working volunteer Sharon Kosai, a much needed break and rest. Unfortunately, Tom is experiencing some health problems that make it presently impossible for him to work on the Newsletter. Sharon has again stepped in and is proceeding to continue the Newsletter while Tom regains his health. The Newsletter may be somewhat delayed on occasion but it will continue to be published.

Another hard working, long time volunteer, Karen Murakami, has asked that I and the Board seek a replacement to assume the responsibilities of handling the Temple Pledge Program. Karen has generously agreed to continue in the pledge position until a replacement can be found or until the end of 2015. She has also offered to train her replacement and to answer any questions that I, as President, may have about the program. On behalf of the Sangha we thank Sharon and Karen for all their years of loyalty and sacrifice. Their contributions are invaluable!

Volunteers from the Sangha for the Pledge Program will be actively recruited by the Board over the next few months.

At a recent meeting of Sangha members it became obvious that some members are unaware of the fiscal status of our Temple. In an effort to make this situation more clear, I am going to discuss some of the financial information from the most recent year, 2014, as an example of our status.

For several past years, we have not had sufficient income in the form of operating revenue to meet our operating expense. We have been operating at a deficit! In 2014, our operating expenses were \$148,344. and our operating income was \$121,762. This left us with an initial deficit of \$26,582. Fortunately we were able to offer seminars, public talks and community speaker presentations that did not increase our operating costs since they were funded from the Akiko Mikami Shimatsu Foundation as well as donations restricted for the particular events.

After examining our fiscal situation, the Board made some changes. Funds that were in bank CD's and money market account were earning significantly less than a 1% return. A substantial amount was removed from

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the banks and invested locally and with the BCA Endowment Fund. It is believed these investments will bring between 3% and 5% annually. A Campaign Program was instituted for non-pledge supporters of the Temple. This effort produced in excess of \$3,000 in 2014 and will be employed again in 2015. As of 2014, the average pledge member was donating about \$400 per year. It is hoped that this information clarifies our Temple's financial status.

The Board is considering other means of raising funds with the eventual objective of achieving a balanced budget in the future.

In Gassho,
Bill Geenty

**August Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
August 2, 2015 at 11:00 AM**

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

Hiroshi Sagara	1972	Oshie Kiyota	1991
Tomi Tsuji	1974	Zentaro Tom Maekawa	1994
Shizue Hirose	1975	Mikio Mori	1995
Hikozo Kawasaki	1976	George Shikao Uchida	2004
Harumi Karel Ikuta	1978	Susumu Cliford Hayashi	2004
Tsuki Tanaka	1979	Alice Kazuko Arita	2004
Haru Ikuta	1981	Lorraine K. Mikami	2006
Morito Nishimoto	1981	Masami Arima	2006
Misuno Nishimoto	1985	James Komoto	2013
Shiro Murashige	1989		

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

Buddhist Education Events pamphlet sample will be presented to the Board.

GRCC Danny Najera, PhD, inspired us to sustain & nurture a healthy environment and redefined interconnectedness of all things during his "Humans, Honeybees, & Sustainability" Community Speakers presentation on June 14. He offered some solutions ... Plant native plants. Make one day a week in the house an electricity-free day. Drive less, carpool, buy local.

<https://www.facebook.com/GreenRiverHoneybees> - See GRCC honeybees on Facebook here!

<https://www.facebook.com/GRCPhenology> - Tracking our Native Blooms

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ABA NEWS

Thank you to Norma Geenty for chairing the picnic and taking care of the food. Great job!

Also, thank you to Barbara Aregger and Sharon Kosai for buying the game prizes and to Jared Aregger who helped run the games.

We couldn't have done it without everyone's help and participation.

BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

YEAR-ROUND DONATIONS: JULY-AUG-SEP – School Supplies & Baby Supplies - backpacks, binders, notebook paper, spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, erasers, calculators, diapers - sizes 4,5,6 (preferred), wipes, baby or pre-school clothing. (Non-Perishable Foods & Toiletries through June.)



2015 June 22 - Community Service @ Fisher House - Gayle, Char, Deidre, Tyler, Eva, Genie, Sally. Photographer - Karen

Community Service @ Fisher House - Thank you to Char, Deidre, Eva, Gayle, Genie, Sally, and Tyler who helped prepare the meal for Fisher House in Seattle. Fisher House is a "home away from home" for Veterans and active duty military families as they find peace & respite for themselves as they visit their family member in the VA Hospital. Most carpooled from the temple with coolers and prepared teriyaki chicken, Asian salad, rice, & corn, served with Char's brownies. The meal was a hit! And we especially enjoyed visiting with the families staying at Fisher House as we ate dinner together. One of the ladies asked us to all join hands as she sang her thanks to us. Beautiful. Thank you, Sally, for suggesting that we do this for Fisher House, and to Char for chairing this event. We definitely plan to do this again! Maybe in November. Hope to bring toiletries from our green donation bin. Ask Char, Sally, or Karen for more details. For more info about Fisher House < <http://www.fisherhousevaps.org/> >

Japan Youth Exchange Visit to White River - See Lilly's article in this newsletter.

NWD BWA Ad Hoc Committee - Darlene is serving as our White River BWA chapter rep. The committee's first tasks were coming up with ideas regarding NWD BWA Cabinet rotation and accompanying by-laws & standing rules changes.

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

Japanese Ladies Visit

Under the auspices of the National Federation of Buddhist Women's Association, two young ladies from Japan will be visiting the Northwest. They will be arriving from Seattle to our temple around 9:00 AM on August 17 and it will be an opportunity for everyone to meet and chat with them.

Afterwards we will be having a no host lunch at Anthony's Home Port in Des Moines. We have reservations for 11:00 AM and all are welcome to attend either at the temple or for lunch too.

Please call Lilly Kato if you would like to join us for the lunch.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!
Stay safe - Stay cool - Stay hydrate

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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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