

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

Impermanence is a fundamental principle of Buddhist teaching. It means that things are always changing, becoming something else, and moving on. We, as followers of the Buddhist teachings, should open our eyes and realize its truth.

With this truth, we should accept the changes to proceed and move forward. There is no progress without change even at our Temple.

Gassho,
Reverend Ogui



Message from the Chairperson

On November 8, we held our semi-annual Membership Meeting which was attended by some 40 members. There were several important issues which the Sangha voted on and I am listing the decisions.

Ron Murakami discussed the proposed 2016 Budget, answered members questions and the Sangha voted to accept the 2016 Budget as presented. Ron also presented the Treasurers report for October which contained a summary from Jan 1st to the ends of October. Again areas were clarified for members with questions and the report was accepted. Finally, Ron had a recommended change to the Temple Constitution which he explained and the Sangha voted to accept the change. That portion was changed as shown below.

"Move that the temple Constitution be revised to change the duties of the Board of Trustees from "Direct the auditing of the financial records of the temple and its affiliated organizations" to "Direct the review of the financial records of the temple and its affiliated organizations to insure accurate and timely recording." [Refers to Article 5-Duties of the Board of Trustees, Item 7.]

Sherry Hansen presented her committee's report on signage recommendations. The initial signs are two small signs that are attached to the wire fence on North Auburn Way and on 37th Street North. These indicate that White River Buddhist Temple entrance is located on 37th Street North. Sherry then explained the choice of color schemes that are suggested for a Monument sign to be placed at the actual entrance to the temple driveway. The Sangha voted for the monument that contained the purple coloring. Kerry Taniguchi asked if the monument would be reflective and what material made up its composure. The answer to these questions will be obtained and disseminated to the Sangha. The two small signs already attached to the fencing have been very generously paid for by members of the Sangha. Ron Murakami already has commitments for \$11,050 in donations from Sangha members from some one and a half years ago for our signage program. The monument will be ordered and paid for out of these funds once the questions are answered. This cost will be between \$3,500. and \$5,500. This should leave a present balance of \$5,550. in the signage fund to go towards a large pole sign that would be placed in the front parking lot near the existing wooden sign. It is estimated that this sign will cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000. Any members of the Sangha that would like to contribute to this specific signage fund may contact Ron Murakami. Any amount contributed will be received confidentially. The desire is to pay for as much of this signage ourselves so that if we have to look elsewhere for contributions we will have provided the majority of funds ourselves.

Char Grinolds mentioned the Dana Program from BCA which all the members of the Sangha have received in the mail and asks that the membership read the brochure and give consideration to participating in this program. Remember, if you do participate in the program, that 50% of your donation can go to a temple of your choice and I hope that would be White River in the majority of instances.

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Char and Sherry presented the results of the fundraising survey and the recommendations of the fundraising committee which were unanimously indorsed by the members of the Board. The result of the survey indicated that there were 10 individuals who volunteered to chair or co-chair one of our three major fundraisers and 16 members, some were the same from the chair total, who volunteered to act as section chairs at the fundraisers. With these figures in mind, the committee recommended that we move slowly and have the chair or co-chair for each of the three major fundraisers for 2016, come from the list of 10 volunteers. The section chairs for 2016, would still come from the tobans and in 2017, all the chairs, co-chairs and section chairs would come from the volunteer list and the tobans no longer would be involved primarily in the three major fundraisers. The fundraisers will be staffed by volunteers in the future. The Sangha approved this change and it will go into effect in 2016. The survey responders also provided a page and a half of fundraising ideas which was distributed to the members for future reference.

In Gassho,
Bill Geenty

Eitaikyo Service Notice

In this month's newsletter you will find an invitation for the Eitaikyo service to be held on Sunday, November 5th. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

For those who receive their newsletter electronically, envelopes will be available at the Temple; please make a note that your donation is for Eitaikyo.

Bonnenkai

Bonnenkai will be on December 20th. The October-December toban will be in charge of serving the potluck lunch. The following suggests what to bring to the potluck following the guidelines from previous years. If you are not able to participate please join us anyway to celebrate the new officers and the end of the 2015 year.

Bonnenkai Lunch:

<u>TOBAN/group</u>	<u>Provides</u>
Jan - Mar	Salad or vegetable dish
Apr - Jun	Main dish
Jul - Sep	Main dish
Oct - Dec	Rice
Dharma School	Dessert
Others	Chicken or main dish or salad
Few Elder seniors	Fruit

Dharma School

Dharma School had its annual fall party October 25th. With our six students things were very busy during the two hour party. We had all kinds of things to do during our two hours including games to win prizes, artwork, and cooking. Students played bowling with a pumpkin ball and water bottles. This was especially popular with our younger students.

Ruth designed a way to make a Halloween wreath out of a cardboard ring and crafting supplies. Students took their creation home along with a bag of trail mix they mixed themselves.

The cooking table hosted mini spider pizzas to make. We used string cheese to make the spider web and an olive guarded each web. The students also worked on food to serve at the luncheon. They cut red and black finger jello into Halloween shapes and crafted witches’ hats from cookies and chocolate kisses.

Special thanks to Lucas Terry who came early to help set up. He also offered to make our first mini spider pizza and helped the others make theirs. Lucas is growing into a young man before our eyes!

Our next meeting is November 29th from 10:00 A.M-12:00 P.M. The topic is Dana, the art of giving.

December 6th will be our gingerbread house making class. Please bring a bag of candy to share for decorating the houses.

Photo by Ruth Terry shows students in the circle where we hold a short service. Here a storyteller dressed as a spider tells the Buddhist story about the Buddha and the spider.



**December Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
December 6, 2015 at 11:00 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of December. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, December 6th 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.

Sen Maekawa	1965	Shima Taketa	1978
Fukutaro Norikane	1967	Roger Kawasaki	1999
Chiyokichi Natsuhara	1967	Atsushi Harry Ibuki	2003
Emon Ikuta	1973	Phyllis Marie Hansen	2009
Hatsu Emma Hikida	1977	Josie Taketa	2009
Aileen Aiko Fisher	1977	Hank Miyoshi	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 - 2015 In Review

Thank you to Rev. Ogui, for sharing your guidance & role modeling in compassion & understanding of life. A special thank you to the Akiko Mikami Shimatsu Foundation for their indispensable support of our Buddhist Education Committee and White River Buddhist Temple. We sincerely appreciate you.

- Jan 10** **Public Dharma Talk by Rev. Hoshu Matsubayashi, "The Light of the Dharma"**
- Mar 14** **Spring Body & Mind Seminar - Jisui Craig Horton**
"Life Story" & "Realization of Nembutsu"
- May 1-4** **Dr. Nobuo Haneda Weekend - in Japanese & English**
- July** **BEC Publication - "Peace Through Understanding and Compassion -**
Observances, Guest Speakers and Events for 2015"
- May 16** **Public Dharma Talk - Rev. Hiroshi Abiko**
"Amida Loves You and Me, Shikataganai"
- June 14** **COMMUNITY SPEAKER Dr. Danny Najera**
Scientist, Entomologist, Ecologist - "Humans, Honeybees, and Sustainability".
- Sept 26** **Public Dharma Talk by Rev. Mutsumi Wondra, Shin Buddhism and My Life!**
- Oct 11** **Family Service - Rev. Ron Kobata**
- Nov 14** **Fall Body & Mind Seminar, Rev. Tatsuya Aoki**
"Buddha Dharma - White River Buddhist Temple" & "Buddhism in Action"

Classes Offered & Hosted by Nikkei Concerns @ WRBT

- Sept 29 Memory Enhancement Training - Use It, Don't Lose It!" - Lisa Waisath (NM)
- Nov 10 Medicare Updates - Cho Shimizu (SHIBA)

Newsletter by Email

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



Thank You....

- Stan Tsujikawa - Building a new newsletter box
- Bob Akiyama - Getting the refrigerators/cooler serviced
- Charles Natsuhara - Working on fixing faucets in kitchen
- Dennis Asato - Setting up teleconference meetings for NWD and BWA

BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

YEAR-ROUND DONATIONS: OCT-DEC – Games, Books, Toys & Clothing for Kids & Adults + Old Towels for Pets - e.g. knit hats, scarves, gloves, books, balls, rackets, art supplies, gift cards, dolls & doll clothes, Parcheesi, Scrabble, socks, school clothes, craft kits, toiletries, etc.

Gift Card Fundraiser is going on now! Order Deadline is Sun, Nov 22. Many gift cards to choose from, but many more are available, so if you don't see what you're looking for or have any questions, please ask Karen. We may have what you want! Remember holiday gift-giving and those special "just because" days, too! Help BWA reach our pledge commitment to pay off the Jodo Shinshu Center debt. Order forms are on ivory colored paper included with this newsletter. (Receive gift cards Sun, Dec 13.)

Coins for Diapers - Drop your loose change in the large yellow glass canister in the lobby. We will buy diapers to donate when we get enough change.

Mon, Nov 16, 3:30-7:30 - Fisher House - Remember the rewarding experience we had last time providing dinner at Fisher House? The Fisher House in Seattle 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 members in the VA Hospital. Sign up on the kitchen hallway bulletin board to carpool, make dinner & eat with the Veterans' family members! We plan to bring trial-size or hotel-size toiletries to donate this time out of our green donations box, too. Questions? Anyone want to volunteer to bring dessert? Talk to Char or Karen about details. For more info about Fisher House < <http://www.fisherhousevaps.org/> >

Sun, Dec 6 - 12:30 BWA General Meeting in SE Classroom with windows - Agenda includes explanation of NWD BWA officer rotation reference in the bylaws that all BWA members will vote on in February at NW Convention, Yaguchi Memorial Committee report, White River BWA direction, election of officers (reminder that Lillian & Karen will be stepping away from the co-presidency), door prizes.

Scarves we made earlier in the year are being distributed to local charities for the winter season, including Auburn Food Bank, Kent Food Bank and Kent Hope.

Eshinni and Kakushinni - Many memorable times during Ron's & my trip to Japan. We attended Nishi Hongwanji services at 6:00 a.m. Very impressive taking part in those services in two different buildings. Noticed many scrolls, but none represented Eshinni or Kakushinni. Appreciate that we have a special scroll in our Onajin honoring Eshinni and Kakushinni.

Mindfulness - It was a time of re-centering with roots. In Japan, I could feel all around me the grateful way-of-life spirit that Rev. Ogui talked about in his November 1st Dharma message. Unbelievable how the streets were so clean and there wasn't a public waste can in sight. Everyone seemed aware and mindful of what they were doing, taking care of what needed attention without imposing on others. They didn't need other people to take care of their garbage because they cleaned up after themselves (taking their garbage back home) and made it ready for the next person to occupy that cleaned space. "Little" things like that add up. Wouldn't it be something if we could live like that at home & church? I'm still working on it :)

Thank you for your help throughout the year.

Gassho,
Karen, WR BWA Co-President
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BWA gratefully acknowledges receipt of a donation from Mrs. Michiko Toyoshima in memory of Shig Toyoshima's 3rd memorial.

Dharma School - 2015 in Review

White River Buddhist Temple Dharma School currently has seven children participating, ages ranging from 4 to 13. Since the last general meeting, we have offered 12 Dharma school classes, chaired Hanamatsuri service, went on a field trip to Cougar Mountain Zoo, and funded a pancake breakfast and various lunches throughout the year. Dharma School also donated several butane stoves to the Temple for mochi making.

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Reverend Ogui's Formal Temple Office Hours

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 an **emergency** need for minister assistance, call Rev. Ogui's cell phone.

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