

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

I have been impressed by the Dharma School teachers' dedication to educate our children in our Dharma School.

"**Mitsugo no Tamashii Hyaku made**" can be translated as "The spirit of three year old persists to one hundred years old," meaning what we learned up to 3 years old affects and influences our thoughts, our actions, and our lifestyle throughout our lives.

I encourage you to bring your children to the Temple to help them to live a harmonious and enjoyable life in future.

In Gassho,
Reverend Ogui



Message from the Chairperson

It is my great pleasure to announce to the Sangha that the following members have been elected to the Board of Directors. They are Mary Cogger, Randy Okimoto, and Ron Murakami. The first alternate is Alva Nishimura. Please offer them your congratulations when you see them. At the same time, it is with heavy heart that we, on the Board, say goodbye to three loyal members who have finished their three year assignment and sadly leave the Board. They are Bob Akiyama, Sally Mizuki, and Charlene Grinolds. Please thank them for their long and tireless service.

This is a reminder that December 21st, is our Bonenkai Service and this will be followed by a pot luck luncheon that all Tobans are sharing in preparing. If you haven't heard from your Toban, I encourage you to contact your leader.

Although this is still some time off and you will be receiving a personal invitation, please be aware that January 11th is our Ho-On-Ko Service and it will be followed by our annual Shinnen-kai lunch. As in the past, one must pre-order your choice of luncheon thru your Toban leader who will then notify either Kim Komoto or Norma Geenty of the Toban's total order. This year we will have bento from Maruta or chicken dinner from Ezell's. Prices will be contained in the personal invitation you receive. Please be aware there is a deadline of January 4th for your orders to be received.

We are fortunate on Friday, January 10th and Saturday, January 11th, to have Reverend Hoshu Matsubayashi and his wife as our guests. Reverend Matsubayashi will present a talk on his newly published book, "Light of Dharma" at 3:30 Friday afternoon and this will be followed by a dinner hosted by Reverend and Mrs. Ogui at a restaurant yet to be determined. Please notify Karen Murakami if you will attend this "Dutch" Dinner. Hopefully we will experience a strong turnout for Reverend Matsubayashi's talk. He has graciously donated 100 copies of his new book to White River Buddhist Temple.

In Gassho,
Bill Geenty

Ho-On-Ko Service

Enclosed is an invitation to White River Buddhist Temple's annual Ho-On-Ko Service which will be held on January 11th. We hope that you will be able to join us.

**January Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
January 4, 2015 at 11:00 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of January. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, January 4th 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.

Ume Nakanishi	1966	Akiko Shimatsu	2001
Takishiro Nishimoto	1967	Masao Tom Sutow	2001
Tase Sagara	1973	Sunao Iwai	2001
Jintaro Nakayama	1973	Masako Shimomura	2004
Harry Nakagawa	1977	Sachiko Nakayama	2005
Hajime Nakai	1977	Takio Hank Nishimoto	2006
Jack Kaoru Arima	1979	Yoshi Porky Nishimoto	2007
George Satoru Miyaki	1980	Shizuko Higuchi	2007
Ura Toyoshima	1983	Masami Iida	2008
Masao Tsuji	1987	George S. Ikuta	2008
Yoshito Tanaka	1991	Dorene Nakayama	2010
Minoru Koga	1992	Katherine Dodobara	2010
Yoshiko Mary Matsuyama	1994	Duane Hamamura	2011
Mary Yukie Hiranaka	1996	Frank Okimoto	2011
Chie Onchi	1996	Roy Hajime Taketa	2012
Shizumi Fujimura	1998		

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

Rev. & Mrs. Hoshu Matsubayashi are coming to visit White River in January! Please come to welcome them back for their weekend here!

RSVP by Dec 31 to Karen to attend the no-host dinner at a restaurant with the Matsubayashis and Oguis following the Saturday, Jan 10, Public Dharma Talk.

Sat, Jan 10 3:30 Public Dharma Talk about Rev. Matsubayashi's newly published book, Light of the Dharma

Sun, Jan 11 11:00 HO ON KO family service, Guest Speaker Rev. Matsubayashi

BEC Purpose - We are preparing our BEC purpose for the WRBT website.

2015 Schedule - Rev.Ogui is finalizing our 2015 schedule. Watch for the new schedule on the temple lobby bulletin board coming out soon.

Rev. Matsubayashi is giving White River 100 copies of his new book, "Light of the Dharma". He will be sharing topics from his book at the Public Dharma Talk on Jan 10.

Handbook - We are developing a handbook on religious aspects of the temple. It takes time to make our way through what to include. If you have questions about our Jodo Shinshu Buddhism or any questions about the religious aspects at our temple, please contact Rev. Ogui or someone on our committee so that we can find your answers and also include the answers others might also be interested in the handbook.

2014 Buddhist Education Committee Members are Rev. Ogui, Lillian, Mary, Joe, Ron, and Karen.

ABA News

ABA wishes all a Happy New Year! As outgoing president off and on for the last 8 years or so, there are many thank-you's that should be mentioned: Katie Komoto for secretary duties and planning dates, George Komoto for being treasurer, and John Hamakami for sharing the duties. Thanks to all the ladies for all of the cooking classes we had, Sharon and Barbara for the picnic games, and thanks to all of the Temple members who always donate so generously to our food drive. Best wishes to Katie Komoto who will be the new President.

Dharma School

We had a fun time working gingerbread houses December 7th! Thanks to all who participated or donated candy. We are looking forward to January, when we plan to learn about Shinran Shonin. Hope to see you there!

Buddhist Women's Association

Happy New Year! Warm wishes for a year filled with peace and contentment.

The 2015 WR BWA Executive Board was elected at our general meeting on December 7:

Co-Presidents - Karen Murakami & Lillian Asato
 Treasurer – Pat Kawabata
 Secretary – Deidre Lorenz
 Auditor – Gayle Takemura

Another year of activities and community contributions is in the works for 2015. More information will be forthcoming in the coming months.

Scarf Making On November 15, 17 people met to make fleece scarves for the homeless resulting in a total of 246 scarves (210 adult scarves + 36 children's scarves). The scarves were distributed to Auburn Food Bank, Kent Food Bank, Catholic Community Services, and Kent Hope.

BWA Gift Card Fundraiser Since June of this year, over \$4500 in gift cards have been sold resulting in over \$400 added to our fundraiser account. Thank you to all who have supported the BWA Gift Card Fundraiser! Your gift card orders will be ready for pick-up at the temple on Sunday, Dec 14.

NW Buddhist Convention – February 13-15, 2015 – Bellevue Westin WR BWA members are encouraged to attend the NW BWA general meeting on Sunday, February 15.

Please stay warm.

Gassho,
 Karen & Lillian
bwa@wrbt.org

BWA Donations

White River BWA gratefully acknowledges donations for our Eshinni/Kakushinni service from Yoshiko Yamada and Darlene Yamada.

Year-Round Donations January-February-March

Paper Supplies (kleenex, toilet tissue, etc)



2014 BWA Community Service Scarf-Making

Thank You....

Stogie Kawabata for installing the handrail on the podium in the hondo

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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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