

The White Path

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Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

There is always something you can do for others and for one's self.

I remember an older lady who used to clean up the incense offering table when she attended service at the Midwest Buddhist Temple in Chicago. When I asked her why she was cleaning the table, she answered, "That's what I can do to make others feel content and I feel content at the same time."

Namuamidabutsu in Gassho,

Reverend Ogui



Message from the Chairperson

I am pleased to report that our investments have all been consummated. We have two established accounts made with Ikuta Funds designated for investment with the BCA Endowment Fund and an additional two separate accounts with the same Fund; one for the Onaijin Fund and one for the Eitaikyo Fund. These latter two funds are anticipated to remain untouched and grow with the Endowment Fund. There is still an investment with

Key Investments which has a penalty if we sell before a year passes so we are watching this investment until October when we will examine the results and make a determination at that time to continue or sell and re-invest in BCA Endowment Fund.

The rest of my report this month is devoted to our upcoming Bon Odori celebration on Saturday, July 25th. Although we have designated specific tobans assigned to specific fund raisers, we are having trouble with Bon Odori due to scheduled obligations that conflict with major members of the planning committee. As a result, in order to continue our successful fund raiser, we have to ask all members who are able, to volunteer for positions of chairmanship and assistance to volunteer wherever possible. I will be involved with corn from husking to cooking and will need assistants in both areas. I also will be available wherever else it is determined I can be of assistance. Norma and Kim will be involved in somen cooking and preparation and probably pie making. We all need to look at the assignment lists on the board in the Temple and determine where we can help out. This is a well respected religious and fund raising presentation and we want to continue and improve our reputation with this program. Please do what you can to continue our success!

In Gassho,
Bill Geenty

Major Service Notice

In this month's newsletter you will see the notice for the Obon service on Sunday, July 12th. Also enclosed is an envelope for the service. For those who receive their newsletter electronically, envelopes will be available at the Temple; please make a note that your donation is for Obon.

Thank You!

- Dennis Nishimura for completing the construction of frames for the Onaijin scroll
- Dennis Nishimura, Charles Natsuhara, Randy Chun, and Dennis Asato for the installation of the flat screen in foyer

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

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

Tsuruichi Komoto	1974	George Tonojo Kawasaki	2002
Minoru Terada	1979	Tokio Toyoshima	2005
Kiyomi Mizoguchi	1980	Nancy Mikami	2005
Mike Arima	1987	Noriko Tanabe	2005
Isamu Suyematsu	1989	Yooko Watanabe	2010
Yoneko Terayama	1990	Stanley Doi	2010
George Takeshi Watanabe	1991	Sayoko Kawasaki	2011
Misue Komatsu	1995	Kazuko Watanabe	2013
Mitzi Mitsuko Ibuki	1998	Hiroshi Nakai	2014

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.



Simply Social Dance

“It’s just walking,” stated Mark Anderson our instructor at our third class. “Walk with a purpose; your body moves and your feet keep up.”

Mark is a certified NDCA dance instructor and taught ballroom dance many years at several dance studios. I met him as my Argentine Tango instructor about ten years ago.

When some White River members asked if I could arrange a dance, I called Mark. He was excited because he has wanted to teach a simple social dance based on connection for years. The dance does not have a name; it is based on Mark’s knowledge of many dances. Connection between partners is important in all partner dances.

Mark plays a varied mix of music including hits from the 50’s and 60’s, pop, ballroom, Latin, blues, and smooth jazz. Last night I heard Natalie and Nat King Cole sing “Unforgettable”, and Michael Buble singing “Fever” and other songs that got my attention and my feet tapping.

I encourage anyone who has interest in dancing with a partner, good music, and a fun place to dance to try us out. You may have heard the rumors or think that this will be too hard, but it’s not. Instead of thinking... do. Come check us out; the first class is free. You have nothing to lose.

Simply Social

July 2 and July 23

Dharma School

On June 7th we had our last Dharma school class for the school year. We had a fun time playing games and eating snacks. Later during service, certificates for attendance and year pins were handed out. Tyler has been a Dharma school student for two years now, and Lucas and Nathan have been Dharma school students for eight. My thanks go to all that prepared the Dharma school teacher appreciation lunch afterwards, it was delicious! For our annual field trip, we plan to go to Cougar Mountain Zoo on Father's Day. Should be fun!

~Ruth Terry, Dharma School Superintendent

ABA News

Everyone is invited to the ABA sponsored White River Temple Picnic which will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2015 after service. There will be a potluck lunch and games for all. Check the Bulletin Board for what to bring to the potluck.

White River BWA gratefully acknowledges receipt of a donation of \$100.00 from Lilly Kato.

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)

Yee Haw! Six White River BWA members and three spouses were among 1,800 attendees to the WBWC in Calgary on May 30-31, 2015. The Gonmonshu-sama was there as well, and was one of about a dozen dignitaries in attendance who received white (cowboy) hats as honorary citizens of Calgary (similar to key to the city ceremony).

We welcomed two new members to our BWA during the June 7 service. Jackie Klakken and Genie Lau were presented WR BWA monto shikisho by Reverend Ogui. Welcome, Genie and Jackie!

The following items were covered during our second general meeting of the year on June 7:

**** Sun, Sept 13 - Next White River BWA General Meeting**

- ** Minutes of the December 7, 2014 and March 22, 2015 general meetings were approved as corrected.
- ** The treasurer's report was approved.
- ** An update from the committee on the Dorothy Yaguchi Memorial Project was given. An iron fence and gate around the cutting garden was shown and is being expensed out. Darlene Yamada has joined the committee. BWA members were given opportunity to e-mail their thoughts to Karen & Lillian in the next few days.
- ** Eva presented a report about the World Women's Buddhist Convention. (See her report in this article.)
- ** Fisher House meal Community Service Project was approved for Monday, June 22. Dinner will be cooked and served at Fisher House, a home away from home for veterans & families at the VA Hospital on Beacon Hill. A few more volunteers are needed. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Contact Char if you have questions.
- ** Need your help - FBWA (national) representatives' meeting is being planned by the NW District BWA. Please volunteer to help White River BWA man the registration table at DoubleTree Southcenter Fri or Sat, Oct 9 or 10. E-mail us at <bwa@wrbt.org> or sign up on bulletin board.
- ** NW District BWA is forming a committee to come up with options and recommendations for two action items: 1) NW District BWA officer rotation schedule and 2) NW District BWA large expenditures. Each BWA chapter will come up with recommendations to be voted on at the next NW District BWA meeting in February, 2016. White River chapter representative will be Darlene. The officer rotation selected will directly affect us. If you have questions or ideas about officer rotation & how large amounts of money should be spent by NWD BWA, please e-mail Darlene <dyamada123@yahoo.com> & Lillian <bwa@wrbt.org> [After the meeting Lillian agreed to be the alternate.] Karen has been asked to chair the committee.
- ** Macy's Shop For a Cause is coming soon! Buy your \$5 pass and support this fundraiser where BWA keeps 100% of the \$5. You enjoy 25% off most things with this pass while shopping any Macy's on Sat, Aug 29! Buy one for you and more for your friends or family.

Here is the report that Eva shared with our members at our general membership meeting on June 7:

The 15th World Buddhist Women's Convention was held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The theme was "Embraced by the Oneness of Life", and the slogan was "One World Sangha". There were 1800 attendees from Japan, USA, Hawaii, South America, and Canada. 1200 were from Japan. It was a great opportunity to meet people, and although it was a women's conference, it applied to everyone.

The keynote speaker was Reverend Yanase. She is a minister in Japan, as well as a singer/songwriter. At 30 she was diagnosed with uterine cancer, and suffered depression, because she knew that she would be unable to have children. She was able to move forward through her music, which helped her to heal. She has done relief work for the tsunami victims.

Workshops which followed themes from the Eightfold Path, included History of Women in Japan, Qi Gong (Moving Meditation), Does it Only Apply to Paid Work?, Buddhism in Canada, Why Music?, Naikan (Self-Reflection), and Living a Life of Gratitude. The most popular was Line Dance with the Japanese Centre Line.

At the banquet we sat with 4 Japanese women who could not speak English very well. Through repetition and sign language, we were able to communicate. It was fun exchanging omiyage.

On Sunday, the speaker was Rev Usuki, a sansei born and raised in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and is currently a minister in the LA area.

There was a panel with 5 women who shared their life stories, some suffering great tragedy, and were able to move forward because of their Buddhist beliefs.

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During the closing ceremony, the flag was passed to BCA, since the next convention will be held in San Francisco in 2019.

After the convention, we boarded a bus to Banff; there were 20 buses going to Banff.

Upon arrival, we walked to town where there were many restaurants and shops.

Monday, we went on an all-day tour to Banff National Park, and saw beautiful mountains, lakes, and glaciers. We went to Lake Louise, which is an alpine lake with beautiful turquoise waters. It was like looking at a postcard with spectacular scenery. The Columbia Icefield Glacier Adventure was next, where we were able to walk onto the surface of the glacier after being transported by ice explorer vehicle.

Overall, it was a great trip, and I felt very fortunate to be in attendance with people from all over the world, interconnected by our Buddhist beliefs.

Enjoy the summer and Bon Odori season!

Gassho,
Lillian, Co-President

Newsletter by Email

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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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