

The White Path

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Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

Let me share the wisdom of Zen Master Dogen (1200-1253), "To study the Buddha Way is to study the self. To study the self is to forget the self. To forget the self is to be actualized by a myriad of things. When actualized by a myriad of things, your body and mind as well as the bodies and minds of others drop away." What do you see?

In Gassho,

[Reverend Ogui](#)



Message from the Chairperson

May has been a busy month. We are in the process of completing our investment of the un-invested Ikuta Funds with the BCA Endowment Fund. Also we are considering placing the majority of the Onaijin and Eitaikyo Funds in specific accounts with the BCA Endowment Fund so as to maximize our return. These funds are highly restricted so it makes sense to invest them and allow them to grow. We are retaining a small amount to meet any expenses that may arise from these funds.

We are awaiting the final figures from the Spring Fundraiser so that we can evaluate our success and net gain. These will be available in next month's report if not earlier.

On Thursday night, May 7th, Norma and I attended a very excellent and emotional presentation entitled "Growing Up Behind Barbed Wire" put on by the Kent Historical Society. This was a feature on the Heart Mountain Concentration Camp and highlighted two of our own Temple members, Amy and Lilly Kato. They, with their family, were incarcerated at Heart Mountain and answered questions for the Standing Room Only audience. They did an outstanding job on a subject that had to bring back many difficult memories. There were a number of old friends from over the years with whom they had an opportunity to renew acquaintances. Well Done, Amy and Lilly!

Over the weekend of May 9th, Norma and I along with Wayne, Sally and Kerri Mizuki; Ron and Karen Murakami and Charlene Grinolds attended the Northwest District Buddhist meeting in Yakima. In addition, Karen, Lilly Kato and Pat Kawabata attended the NW BWA meeting that was held at the same time. The ride over and back seemed long but the scenery was beautiful. Of importance during the Council meeting was an open discussion by all temple representatives, on ways to create income for the temples. Several areas were discussed and I'm sure many ideas will be brought up at our Board meetings and the Fund Raising Committee. Of special impact was the determination that in 2019, White River will be responsible for hosting the Northwest district Convention. This will take place in February. The Board will be apprised of this commitment during May's meeting and we will have to establish committees to start planning now for 2019. Officers for the district were elected and in most cases, those presently in office were re-elected.

Alva Nishimura, as the first alternate in the last election, has been appointed to the Board. Welcome, Alva! Dennis Nishimura is building frames for the scrolls in the Onaijin and the first completed frame is presently on the first scroll. If you have an opportunity, please look at the frame as it is beautiful workmanship.

In Gassho,

[Bill Geenty](#)

June Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service June 7, 2015 at 11:00 AM

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of June. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, June 7th 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.

Takeyo Hiranaka	1970	Naomi Shima Martin	1992
Shina Iwai	1973	Rose Fusaye Teraoka	1998
Shizuko Natsuhara	1979	Ben Tsutomu Nishimoto	1998
Kitaro Tsuji	1979	Shizuka Nishimoto	2001
Darlene Jan Ibuki	1980	Aiko Horiuchi	2005
Harry Ikuma Shimomura	1984	James Garcia	2010
Gary Watanabe	1990	Yuki Kitagawa	2011

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

During his weekend here, Dr. Nobuo Haneda shared about a flower arranging student tossing out flower culls and the teacher who utilized the culls and all as they are to make a beautiful arrangement. The analogy in our minds might relate to complaining about the culls in life or making the most of everything, the culls & all opportunities, and appreciating a beautiful, meaningful life.

Sat, May 16 3:30 [Public Dharma Talk - Amida Loves You and Me, Shikataganai](#)
Rev. Hiroshi Abiko, Retired BCA Minister, Former LA Betsuin Rinban

Sun, May 17 11:00 ["Happy Birthday, Shinran Shonin" Service, Gotanye](#)
Rev. Hiroshi Abiko

CHANGED TO: Sun, June 14 12:15 COMMUNITY SPEAKER
Dr. Danny Najera, Scientist, Entomologist, Ecologist - "Humans, Honeybees, and Sustainability". 1 hour talk followed by Q&A.
Bring your brown bag lunch.

Dharma School

Hello everyone! Dharma school is winding down for the school year. Classes in May are on the 10th and 31st. June 7th will be our last Dharma school day. I am looking forward to doing some spring based projects with our Dharma school students.

Dharma school would like to thank Charlene Grinolds for her continuing support in leading the crew for Hanamatsuri service lunch and for helping make the pancake breakfast. Also helping with the pancake breakfast crew were Alva, Dennis, Deidre, Tyler, Mark, Lucas, and Nathan. Thank you!

Dharma school would also like to thank Kim Komoto for procuring the butane stoves which made mochi making day go by smoothly. Thanks!

We have an exciting guest speaker coming to our temple this coming [June 14th at 12:15 pm. Danny Najera, PhD, will speak about honey bees and the environment.](#) [Dr. Najera](#) earned his educational degrees at University of Kansas and is married and has two children. He teaches biology classes at Green River College in Auburn. He also maintains beehives near the wilderness trails by Green River College, as well as one on campus. Besides his credit classes, he also teaches continuing education classes, including a four-part series titled "Honeybees, Humans, and the Unity of Life". I took this class series and it was very fun. The best class was the last one, when we went to check out the hives near the trails. I got to hold a drone bee for the first time! (The drone bees have no stingers.)

Please come to Dr. Najera's talk in June. I'm sure it will be fun and interesting!

Newsletter by Email

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WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Apr-May-Jun – Non-Perishable Foods & Toiletries (canned & dried foods, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.) because children are not in school during the summer.

Gift Card Fundraiser - Thank you for your support! We sold 66 gift cards for \$1,860 making a 7% profit of \$136! We're on our way to make our pledge to help pay off the Jodo Shinshu building debt. Next gift card fundraiser coming in October!

Community Service Soup-Making - Thank you to all our soup-makers and ingredient donors, and to Char for chairing this worthwhile event for us. Ingredients were donated by Char, Gayle, Kathryn, Katie, Lillian, Norma, Shirley, Vivian. 13 gallons of chicken noodle soup and 14 gallons of minestrone soup were made in 3 hours by Mrs. Ogui, Char, Gayle, Janis, Sally, Yuri, & Karen.

Save the Date - Sunday, June 7, 12:30 - Next BWA meeting

1. Please Help Us - White River BWA is in charge of Registration as the NW District BWA hosts the national FBWA Representatives' Meeting in October. Please sign up at our June 7 meeting to be on the registration team.

2. NW District BWA Cabinet Rotation & Bylaws - Changes are being considered.

3. Minutes Need Approval - We will attempt to e-mail the two last sets of minutes (Dec 7 & March 22) to get approval at the June 7 meeting. They will also be posted on the BWA bulletin board.

Let's enjoy the sun and smell the flowers wherever we are!

Gassho,

Karen, WR BWA Co-President

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ABA News



ABA bus trip to Windmill Gardens in Sumner and LeMay Car Museum in Tacoma on May 5. Group photo is in a 1923 Buick touring car"

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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.

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