

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Greetings from [Reverend Koshin Ogui](#)

The other day, I drew in calligraphy, "You are good just as you are; even the month and day of your death is good!" This does not mean that you should be careless in your actions and not actively live your life. Even after trying to be the best in everything you do, some things will manifest that are beyond your choice. Then you may come to a deeper awareness and accept things as they are.

In Gassho,
Reverend Ogui



Message from the [Chairperson](#)

I want to thank all of the members that were able to attend the February General Meeting. At the same time, I want to apologize for the length of the meeting. For the November meeting we will reduce the topics on the agenda and emphasize those of immediate importance. If the Sangha have any questions on specific areas not on the agenda, they can be addressed at the meeting. As some members were unable to attend the meeting I am going to use this month's report to briefly cover some important points that were covered.

First: It was my distinct pleasure to inform the Sangha that Rev Ogui and Mayumi have indicated their intention to extend Rev Ogui's contract for at least one more year as contained in his original contract. The initial three years expires at the end of April and the next year begins on May 1. We are extremely pleased as a Sangha to retain both Rev Ogui and Mayumi who both have been instrumental in growing our membership. We look forward to the next year.

Second: Ron Murakami, as treasurer, produced some interesting statistics as to what we need to provide to move from a deficit budget to a balanced budget. You should be able to view his report on the web site.

Third: The subject of committees was raised and how important it is to have input from the Sangha to help us attain the growth and financial viability we need to keep our Temple viable. There was discussion of a possible electric sign, attendant power sources, lighting for the exterior of the Temple and security cameras both inside and outside the Temple. A request/plea for Temple members to volunteer on this committee was made as there may be more logical solutions to achieve these results at a more reasonable cost.

Fourth: A Fund Raising Committee the nucleus of which has already been formed with Charlene Grinolds, Mary Cogger and Sherry Hansen, is presently looking for ways to increase our revenue. They need ideas from the members and are looking for additional people to join the committee. Fund raising is absolutely essential for the continuing health of our Temple. At present we don't generate enough income to support the Temple and all of its expenses through the pledge contributions, our three annual fund raisers, and our newly instituted Campaign Fund. We need your input and we need to increase our membership and hopefully, increase our pledge contribution which are the "rock" of our Temple. If you wish to join either of these committees or just pass on your ideas, please contact myself, Wayne Mizuki, any member of the Board or any of the individuals mentioned above.

Thank you for your consideration of these and any other ideas/committees!

In Gassho,
Bill Geenty

**March Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
March 1, 2015 at 11:00 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of March. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, March 1st 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.

Kiyoko Nishimura	1972	Kai Honore Hansen	2005
Sue Arima	1973	Shigeru Nishimura	2005
Tatsu Sato Abe	1981	Ted Tadao Komoto	2006
Masanuki Yamada	1984	Kimi Teraoka	2006
Tazo Nishimura	1986	Tokie Nakai	2007
Yoshio Horiuchi	1986	Bobbie Akira Tanabe	2008
Tamayo Mikami	1991	Benjamin Tsutomu Taketa	2008
Mitsuwo Ikuta	1993	Toshi Terayama	2011
Harry Susumu Anzai	1994	Itsuko Funai	2013
Tsutaе Tiny Taketa	1996	Satoru Kato	2014
Hiroto Mizoguchi	2001		

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

It was such a nice homecoming having former White River resident minister & wife

Reverend & Mrs. Hoshu Matsubayashi here to visit from California. Thank you to Reverend Matsubayashi for donating a copy of his newly published book, Light of the Dharma, to all families who attended his Public Dharma Talk and our Shinran Shonin Memorial Service last month. Reverend Matsubayashi left additional copies for those pledge member families who did not yet get a copy. Please contact Karen to receive yours. < wrlink4goldenchain@comcast.net > .

Thank you for helping in the library, Amy!

Spring Body and Mind Seminar - You won't want to miss this one! Jisui Craig Horton will share his fascinating life story! See enclosed publicity & registration form for more info!.

- Sat, Mar 14 9:30 - 3:30 [Spring Body & Mind Seminar](#)
Jisui Craig Horton, Cleveland Buddhist Temple**
- Sun, Mar 15 11:00 HIGANE Spring Devotion Day, Pet Memorial Service
Jisui Craig Horton**

BUDDHIST WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION

We are looking for members to assist with the Dorothy Yaguchi Memorial Project. We would especially like to have friends of Dorothy who can bring her vision to the project. If you are interested, please contact Karen or Lillian.

Here’s Char’s report on our recent community soup making event: The BWA ladies made 22 ½ gallons of soup and 2 pans of manicotti on Saturday January 24. We made chicken noodle, minestrone & potato cheese soups which will be donated to the Auburn Food Bank and Willows Place. The manicotti was made and delivered to Kent Hope, along with salad, garlic bread and brownies. Jackie Klakken, Norma Geenty, Karen Murakami, Yuri Shiotani, Gayle Takemura, Yoshiko Yamada, Darlene Yamada, Vivian Geocariss, Char Grinolds, Jim Pitman and his two daughters, Natalie and Victoria, all had a fun time chopping, cooking and packaging the food. Thank you to those who helped and donated ingredients along with Lillian Asato & Kathryn Natsuhara. Next Soup making will be on April 25th; hope you can join us then!

So far our Year-Round Donations, Jan-Feb-Mar, has resulted in 16.4# of paper supplies (mainly toilet tissue + package of dried pasta). These items have been donated to the Auburn Food Bank. Thank you all for sharing!

BWA calendar:

February 28, Saturday, 3-5pm. Screening of the movie “To Light a Candle,” a film by Maziar Bahari, Iranian-Canadian Journalist, film maker and human rights activist and subject of the Jon Stewart film “Rosewater”; in support of “Education is Not a Crime” Campaign. The film will be followed with panel discussion and refreshments. Green River Community College, Science Building, Room 101. For more information see flyer on kitchen hallway bulletin board. <http://educationisnotacrime.me/>

March 7, Saturday, 7:30 pm - join us for Fun Fellowship to Auburn Avenue Theater for "What the World Needs Now: The Bacharach/David Songbook." For more information or to sign up by Sunday, March 1 - kitchen hallway bulletin board. Tickets: \$17 regular; \$15 student/senior. http://www.auburnwa.gov/things_to_do/arts_entertainment/auburn_avenue_theater.htm Or ask Karen for more info.

March 22, Sunday, after service - Spring Tea & BWA General Meeting.

March 28, Saturday, 9:00 am – Community Service Scarf Making – We will make fleece scarves to store and distribute just as the cold weather starts in the fall. Bring your scissors and give us a hand.

March 29, Sunday, after service – Afternoon of Games. Come for an afternoon of fun, games, and socializing. Bring your brown-bag lunch.

April 25, Saturday, 9:00 am - Spring Stone Soup making.

April 25, Saturday, 6:30 pm - Fun Fellowship to Auburn Avenue Theater for "Sing-a-long Sound of Music". For more information or to sign up by Sunday, April 19 - kitchen hallway bulletin board. Tickets: \$15 regular; \$13 student/senior. Or ask Karen for more info.

Gassho,
Lillian
BWA Co-President
bwa@wrbt.org

***Year-Round Donations
January-February-March
Paper Supplies (Kleenex,
toilet tissue, etc.)***

Dharma School

Hello everyone! We're letting you know about some changes here in Dharma school. For the rest of this school year, we will be having Dharma school about every other Sunday, so that Mary and I can have more time to plan for some great classes. This coming March we will have Dharma school on the 8th and 22nd. In April, we will have class on the 5th, 12th, and 26th. We will continue to practice our song about Shinran Shonin for Hanamatsuri and produce a creative display about his life. Hope to see you there!

Newsletter by Email

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



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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 or Email the Temple office: office@wrbt.org or Email Rev Ogui: RevKoshin@wrbt.org

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