

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

People often ask me, “What is “good” about? Is there anything “good”? My response to those questions is, “Living, by itself is good.” If you want to worry about something, worry about what you should do and what you can do here and now, whatever situation you are in.

In Gassho,

Reverend Ogui



Message from the Chairperson

As you may remember, some months ago the Board and the Investment Committee made the decision to seek a better return on our funds in the Ikuta Donation. We placed a portion of these funds with Key Investments and an initial investment was made of some of these funds. Unfortunately, some personality differences occurred and we held off in vesting anymore through this group. Our initial investment remains with Key Investments as to sell it before a year had expired, we would have had to pay a penalty. This investment is being watched by the Investment Committee and when a year has passed we will make a decision on this investment. In the interim, we contacted the Buddhist Churches Endowment Fund to determine what opportunities they offered. When our Temple representatives went to the National Council Meeting in San Diego, all of us attended the workshop put on by the Endowment Fund. Upon return to Auburn, the information we received was discussed and the decision was made to invest the remaining amount of the Ikuta Funds, that was set aside for investment, with the Buddhist Churches Endowment Fund. Not all the Ikuta Funds have been invested as we retained an amount to serve as backup for our Temple expenses. I am pleased to tell you that all the necessary paperwork to accomplish this investment has been completed and the paperwork along with a check, has been mailed, Registered Mail, to the BCA. Hideaki Mizuno, Executive Director of the Fund, will have received the paperwork and check by the time you read this and will have invested the funds in two accounts as instructed by the Board/Temple. The Board and the Investment Committee will watch this investment closely to assure that our investment is successful. We are considering removing some of the funds once a year to offset our operational deficit but we intend to keep the initial balance of our funds secure in the initial investment.

In Gassho,
Bill Geenty

2015 BWA Community Service Scarf-Making - Thank you, Ladies!



Back Row - Pat, Gayle, Vivian, Katie, Sally, Mrs. Ogui

Front Row - Amy, Lillian, Georgette, Rosie. Not pictured - Karen

**May Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
May 3, 2015 at 11:00 AM**

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of May. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, May 3rd 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.

Frank Takishima	1971	Risako Kawasaki	2000
Hanako Yanagawa	1974	Masao Mikami	2001
Sachiko Hirose	1978	Frank Fujimura	2003
Tokuyo Komoto	1985	George Mitsuo Hiranaka	2003
Takeyoshi Jack Koga	1993	Masaru Kato	2008
Gladys Gisi	1999	Bill Yaguchi	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.

Sensei Craig Horton Visits White River



White River Buddhist Temple was honored to host Jusui Craig Horton, sensei, for our semi-annual Body Mind Seminar as well as several Dharma talks.

Jusui Horton spoke twice, once before lunch, then after lunch. He told us of his strong family upbringing and subsequent decline to the streets and homelessness.

On his way to recovery, Craig first entered the Cleveland Buddhist Temple with a friend and no expectations. After attending service led by Rev. Ogui, Mr. Horton decided to come back again and again. At one point Craig Horton was named Jusui meaning water of compassion by Rev. Ogui. It has been over thirty years now, and Craig has become a pillar of the temple.

First he was appointed by Ogui as assistant treasurer. Some in the sangha questioned the choice of having an African-American off the streets take care of the money. Over time Craig assumed more duties in the temple and continued studying the dharma. He now is a Minister's Assistant, teaches Zen Shin Meditation, and is the caretaker of the Cleveland Buddhist Temple. The interracial contact has benefited the sangha members and the temple.

Jusui Horton's growth includes many community activities as well. He told us briefly about an alcohol free recovery place for alcoholics he runs named Club 24.

In addition to the Saturday talks, Craig Sensei gave dharma talks for two Sunday Services. He spoke again of how he entered the Cleveland Buddhist Temple and how much he learned from Rev. Ogui. Another theme Horton faced head on was race. How we can grow to trust and respect people of different cultures by working together. We may even become friends as Rev. Ogui and Craig have.

Jusui Craig Horton is a very peaceful, humble man. All I have spoken to were very impressed with his messages and manner. Thank you Craig. Submitted by Mary Cogger

Buddhist Education Committee

What an inspiring life Jisui Craig Horton shared with us in March! 20 White River people signed up in addition to others for the seminar. Thank you to the Akiko Mikami-Shimatsu Foundation, to our new Dharma friend Jisui Craig Horton, and to all of you who supported! One of Jisui Horton's "Dharma Talks" books is still available for \$25. Ask Karen. Thank you, Rev. Ogui, for showing Jisui Craig the way of the Dharma. Because of you, he came to share with us.

Participant feedback included:

"His experience is nothing like my friends' or my experiences and is much more dramatic and interesting. It's important to see how Buddhism can impact a life."

"Craig's personal journey which led him to Buddhism and his willingness to ignore or embrace racism allowed him to follow that journey and gain the trust and friendships of the Japanese families that predominated the church sangha. I think most of us would not have continued that journey if the roles were reversed."

"I liked Craig Hortons Inspiring story!! It gives me faith that people can change and people can overcome anything if they want to!!"

The BEC would like to get the word out with more publicity for BEC events, such as flyer handouts at our Spring Fundraiser. We welcome your ideas for publicity. Please contact Rev. Ogui or Karen with your ideas.

What a great variety of speakers we have coming in April & May! How grateful we are for your support and that of the Akiko Mikami Shimatsu Foundation. Please mark your calendars and join us for these dates!

Sun, Apr 12 11:00 BUDDHA DAY SERVICE (Hanamatsuri) & New Member Welcome & New Infant 1st Service - Dr. Melissa Upton Cyders, WRBT Member, UW Pathology Residency Training Program Director, UW Professor of Pathology

Sun, Apr 26 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.

May 1-4 - Dr. Nobuo Haneda Weekend

Friday evening, May 1, 7:00-9:00 pm

English Session - "The Parable of the Two Rivers and the White Path"

Saturday Seminar in Japanese, May 2, 10:00-4:00 "二つの仏教：人間が考えた仏教と真の仏教"

(Registration Deadline Sunday before. Registration forms on website & in lobby)

Sunday Service, May 3, 11:00 - English

Monday Lecture/Discussion in Japanese- May 4, 10:00-2:00 - "真宗の核心"

Sat, May 16 3:30 Public Dharma Talk by Rev. Hiroshi Abiko, Retired BCA Minister, Former LA Betsuin Rinban

Sun, May 17 11:00 SHINRAN SHONIN'S BIRTHDAY, Gotan e - Rev. Hiroshi Abiko

ABA News

The April men's cooking class has been changed to April 23rd at 10:00 am.

ABA is planning a field trip on Tuesday, May 5th to Windmill Gardens in Sumner with lunch at the Bistro (lunch on your own) and then to the LeMay Car Museum in Tacoma. We will be chartering a bus. Everyone is invited. Cost is \$ 45.00 per person. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the back hall. We will leave the church at 9:00 am.

Newsletter by Email

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



BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

YEAR-ROUND DONATIONS - Thank you! Over 60 lbs. of paper supplies & other items were donated to the Auburn Food Bank between January-March this year.

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

Ladies of the Sangha~ Please come join the WR BWA. Your participation and ideas are welcome. Tell Membership Chairperson Gayle Takemura or one of us that you'd like to join!

Vivian's report on the Spring Tea (Thanks for chairing, Pat & Vivian!):

BWA Tea - this fun annual event took place on 3/22/15. Thank you to Amy and Lilly for serving tea to each and every one who participated. Along with the Tea the BWA general membership meeting is held. We take this time to discuss ongoing projects and make decisions regarding community service projects that take place throughout the year.

At the WR BWA General Membership Meeting on March 22, a motion was passed to participate in the "\$1,000 x 4 years" campaign to pay off the final BCA debt for the Jodo Shinshu Center. A check in the amount of \$2,000 was sent on March 31 to cover 2015 & 2016. We plan to bolster our fundraising efforts to come up with \$1,000 by December 2017, followed by \$1,000 by December 2018.

With this in mind, we step up our efforts to fundraise in earnest. Please support our Spring Gift Card fundraiser. Order forms are included with the newsletter, and are also available in the temple lobby. Orders are due on Sunday, April 26. Gift cards will be ready for pick up on Sunday, May 17.

Dorothy Yaguchi Memorial Project Committee has been formed – Pat, Carole, Mary, Vivian, Amy – They can report back to us and we will feature updates in our monthly articles and on the bulletin board.

Scarf making report from Vivian: Eleven women met on 3/28/15 and cut 72 yards of fleece into 352 scarves of various bright colors. 115 scarves were taken to the Auburn Food bank. The remainder of the scarves were divided and will be donated in the Kent area. While at the Auburn Food Bank, Karen and Vivian had the opportunity to take a little tour. It is amazing how many people are helped in this modest sized building. We were given yellow healthy food lists and you will find them posted on the BWA bulletin board. *Empty Bowls*, to benefit the Auburn Food Bank, takes place on Friday, May 1, from 11 am - 2 pm. Your \$15.00 donation will get you a handcrafted pottery or wood bowl made by local artisans to keep and lunch is provided by Auburn area restaurants and schools.

Report on Game Day from Janis: On March 29th BWA sponsored a game day. Gayle, Pat, and Yuri taught some new games. Gayle won the door prize, a strawberry planter. Everyone had a good time and we hope to have another game day in the future.

Fun Fellowship to EQC – 8 people carpoled from the temple to enjoy fun & free food. Great time was had by all.

BWA CALENDAR:

April 25, Saturday, 9:00am – Spring Stone Soup Making - Sign up to volunteer or donate ingredients – sign-up sheet is on the kitchen hallway bulletin board.

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.

VOTING ISSUE for us at the national & world level - **Hawaii Resolution** (to update language in World BWA Bylaws) – we recommend supporting the FBWA committee recommendation to reject this resolution and to send back to fix the language problems, etc. We will support the FBWA recommendation to reject this proposed resolution unless we hear differently from you by May 3. What is your feedback or questions? See our White River BWA bulletin board for more details on this or other voting issues or ask us.

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

Meet Our Newest Pledge Members!

Jackie Klakken

I was born in Wallace, Idaho, grew up in Montana. My dad worked for the state highway so we moved a lot. I spent summers on my grandparents farm with no running water or electricity and let me tell you how wonderful that was. Running through the woods, fishing, swimming in the creek, feeding the farm animals. I was never bored or without anything to do.

As a teenager I spent 2 years in a group home, which were more of great years, learning about healthy eating, physical fitness and emotional well being. Amazing childhood and so many gifts were given to me.

I dropped out of high school and went to Job Corps at 16, joined the Navy at 19 and did a westpac, visiting Hawaii, Hong Kong, Japan, Philippines and Guam. I have lived in Montana, Long Beach, California and Seattle, Washington, as well as many short residences in other places, that have allowed me to cross paths with so many people and so many experiences. My parents are awesome!! This a brief of my young life and has so many wonderful memories within it!

My life, my journey of learning about being happy and not angry, learning to forgive and not hate, learning to love what you have through the beautiful outcome of many mistakes, The experiences of LA Riots, the use of drugs, behaving so self destructively, etc, that came together with open doors to places, people and activities like the White River Buddha Temple. Life is really good, because I can take what is thrown at me and make it work and make it wonderful!! I would not change a thing!!

Chiho Pewitt

I've lived in United States for 42 years. My husband has been a member of this temple for quite sometime and I feel it's time to follow his steps. I would like to follow "Seikatsu Shinjo" (Daily Creed of Jodo Shinshu) in my daily life to become a better person. - Chiho Pewitt

Lee "Tony" Rome

Sherry Hansen and Lee "Tony" Rome are new to the northwest having moved from Michigan. Tony is still working in Michigan as a physician and is moving himself and his practice to Auburn in July. They have been married 30 years and have been practicing Vipassana meditation for many years. They are grateful for a chance to practice with WRBT and to contribute to it's well being.

Tom Taylor

My name is Tom Taylor. I was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up in Sun Valley, California (suburb of Los Angeles). I went to UCLA for one year at which time I decided to join the Army where I spent ten (10) years, mostly in transportation.

After deciding to leave the service I went back to college getting degrees in (A&S, computer programming, and computer technology). I have worked as a short-order cook, electronics development technician, reserve deputy sheriff (King County), and computer system designer/administrator. I had studied Buddhism (various lineages) for several years before deciding to convert from Christianity feeling that most claimed "Christians" were not really living those values.

My hobbies include reading, amateur radio, making/repairing computers, cooking, and travel (limited). - Gassho, Tom Taylor



Dance?

While sitting having tea a few people heard of my dancing. I study Argentine Tango in Tacoma on Tuesdays with my teacher, Mark Anderson. Some had memories of dancing in the past at White River, and a few wanted to investigate beginning again.

I asked my teacher who graciously agreed he could come and teach us an easy dance for walking and connecting to your partner, even tango if we support it.

The suggested format is class + dance at White River Buddhist Temple for 2 hours in an evening to be determined. This way, people with commitments during the day will be able to attend, and we have a familiar place to come.

Steve Tanaguchi and I are still in the planning stages. Trying to see if there enough people are interested, which night would fit into the temple and most people's schedules, etc. Please contact one of us in person, on email, or by phone if you are interested. Your friends and families are welcome too.

Steve and I are both looking forward to another fun, healthy social event at the temple. Mary Cogger

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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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