

# The White Path

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WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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## Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

This summer on our vacation, Mayumi and I realized what it means to be taken in and guided away from darkness and ignorance. Our confused minds became enlightened and ripened like a ripe fruit by the infinite light and life of Amida Buddha (Amitha Tathagatha).

While driving on Canadian Hwy 1 from Calgary to Banff this summer, we turned a corner and the Canadian Rocky Mountains burst out from above the clouds into the blue sky right in front of us.

We were astonished and lost all words to describe it. After a moment of silence, Mayumi and I were finally able to say, "Wow! Wow! Wow!!!!"

We were taken in, enlightened and felt enveloped by the Infinite sense of Light and Life which visualized, actualized us in the Oneness of Amida Buddha (Amitha Tathagatha).

Namu (we) and Amida Buddha (Infinite Light and Life) merged in to Namu amida Buddha.

Gassho

Reverend Ogui



## Message from the Chairperson

Our last big fundraiser of this year is the Fall Bazaar which will be Sunday, October 18th. This year the Bazaar will have Sally and Wayne Mizuki as the Co -Chairman and they are already hard at work establishing the overall plans. They will need the help of all our Sangha members that are capable of providing assistance in any capacity where they feel able. I am sure many of the individual project chairmen will be asking specific people

to help on their teams. Please help where you can. Although no sign up sheets are up as yet, I believe they will be up by our next Service on September 13th. Please look for these sheets.

The Board of Directors requested that the fund raising committee do a study on alternatives to raising revenue. At the present time our three major events provide approximately 22% of our very necessary operating revenue. The fund raising committee has spent considerable time in preparing a survey to be mailed/distributed to the entire Sangha after the Board's approval I ask that you take the time to review and answer the questions posed and return your completed survey by the date indicated . We intend to use the results of this survey to streamline our procedures and increase our annual revenue. Your cooperation is appreciated and needed to sustain the financial viability of our Temple.

In Gassho,

Bill Geenty

## Condolences

The temple extends its deepest sympathies to Tom Teraoka, Betty Yamauchi, Roger Harui, and the Teraoka family on the passing of Ben Teraoka.

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

According to our Temple records, the following people passed away in the month of October. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service on Sunday, October 4th at 11:00 am. If any names have inadvertently been omitted, please email [office@wrbt.org](mailto:office@wrbt.org) or speak with Rev Ogui to correct our records.

Tsune Onchi	1966	Matsumi Matt Mikami	1993
Minoru Hamamura	1968	Masue Mosi Miyoshi	1993
Kenichi Kato	1971	Urano Kato	1997
Kiku Kumasaka	1972	Fumiko Nishimura	1997
Naka Kiyohara	1975	Tad Kato	2012
Sen Natsuhara	1979	Shigeru Toyoshima	2013
Yohei Hikida	1981	Mitsuko Hamakami	2014
Henry Ichiro Komatsu	1989		

**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](mailto:office@wrbt.org) or speak with Rev Ogui.

**Buddhist Education**

**Thursdays - 6:00-7:00 pm - Buddhism 101 Fall Series** - Sept 10 & 17 General Buddhism and Sept 24 & Oct 1 Shin Buddhism.

**Sun, Sept 20 - 11:00 - Fall Devotion Day (Higan-E) & Pet Memorial Service**

**Sun, Sept 20 - 12:30 - Growing Up Behind Barbed Wire with Amy & Lilly Kato** - Award-winning film "Legacy of Heart Mountain" about Japanese American Internment during WWII (3 Emmy Awards, RIDNA Edward R. Murrow Award, RIDNA Unity Award, AAJA Television Award), slides of Wyoming Heart Mountain Incarceration Camp, personal reflections of survivors Amy & Lilly, Q&A. *Please sign up in temple lobby to let Char know that you are planning to attend.*

**Sat, Sept 26 - 3:00-4:30 pm** (earlier start time) - **Rev. Mutsumi Wondra will give a Public Dharma Talk, "Shin Buddhism and My Life!"** Please come to hear Rev. Wondra's life story and support her as our guest speaker. Rev. Wondra will also be BWA's guest speaker for the Sun, Sept 27, 11:00 Eshinni-Kakushinni Family Service. See our website or poster in the temple lobby for more information.

**Sun, Sept 27 - 11:00 - Eshinni-Kakushinni Service** - hosted by BWA

**Tues, Sept 29 - 10:00-11:30 - "Memory Enhancement Training - Use It, Don't Lose It!"** Don't forget! Come to this Nikkei Concerns class to improve your quality of life & memory with Lisa of Nikkei Manor! Practical applications to help us everyday! No charge for White River & Tacoma Buddhist Temple members, but you must register with Nikkei Concerns. To register, call 206-726-6465 or 726-6469 or < [nhinfo@nikkeiconcerns.org](mailto:nhinfo@nikkeiconcerns.org) > or registration forms are available in temple lobby.

**Sun, Oct 11 - 11:00 family service - Guest Speaker Former White River Resident Minister Rev. Ronald Kobata**, current resident minister at Buddhist Church of San Francisco - special guest speaker opportunity hosted by BEC because national FBWA meeting will be hosted by the Northwest. Mrs. Sayoko Kobata will be accompanying Rev. Kobata.

**Buddhism 101 Classes**

**Buddhism 101** will be offered by our resident minister, Rev. Koshin Ogui on Thursdays this fall at the Temple. Everyone is encouraged to attend and questions are always welcome.

September 17 (6:00—7:00 pm): General Buddhism (2)

September 24 & October 1 (6:00—7:00 pm): Shin Buddhism (1&2)

Two dollars per session donation is suggested.

## BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



58.2 pounds! Thank you for your generous August donations to Auburn Food Bank! In addition, Kirkland Supreme diapers in back were purchased on sale at Costco with your "Coins for Diapers"!

**YEAR-ROUND DONATIONS: JULY-SEPT – 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. [Clothing, Books, Toys & Games. Old towels for pets - Oct-Dec.]

**Sun, Sept 13 - 12:00 BWA General Meeting in SE Classroom with windows** - Agenda includes voting on NWD BWA officer rotation reference in the bylaws, Yaguchi Memorial Committee report, White River BWA direction, door prizes.

**Sun, Sept 27 - 11:00 - Eshinni-Kakushinni Service.** Guest speaker will be Reverend Mutsumi Wondra. Everyone is invited to the service and lunch hosted by BWA. On Sat, Sept 26, 3:00 - 4:30 pm, the Buddhist Education Committee is hosting a Public Dharma Talk, "Shin Buddhism and My Life!", with Rev. Wondra. Please come out to hear & support our special BWA speaker!

**Japan Youth Exchange Visit to White River** - Thank you, Lilly, for making all the arrangements. How delightful hearing about Kana Nishida's & Midori Kunisaki's lives during the session at the temple and at Anthony's Homeport for the no-host lunch. We appreciate Seattle BWA members Kanako Kashima & Janie Okawa driving them to White River and then on to Portland.

**Macy's Shop For A Cause** - Thank you, everyone & Macy's! You bought \$120 in special passes and Macy's let our BWA keep 100% of it for profit! Hope you got lots of good deals!

**NWD BWA Officer Rotation Bylaws & Standing Rules Changes** - Darlene is working very hard as our White River representative on the NWD BWA special ad-hoc committee. Thank you, Darlene!

Gassho,

Karen, WR BWA Co-President

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### Dharma School News

We are having our October Dharma school class on the 25th; it's Fall party time again! If you plan to come, or wish to bring friends, please let us know to help us plan. All children are welcome. There will be Halloween crafts and games. Hope to see you there! Also, mark your calendar for November 29th, our next Dharma school day.

### Thank You....

Charles Natsuhara, Randy Okimoto, and Dennis Asato for painting the southeast corner wall of the Temple.

**FALL BAZAAR**

October 18, 11AM – 3PM

WRBT Bazaar to be held October 18. Please check with your toban chair for work assignments. Lists will be posted for volunteer signups. We can use as many volunteers as are willing to help. We need a lot of manpower to hold this event and would appreciate any help we can get. Also you can contact Wayne or Sally by email or leave a message at the temple, 253-833-1442. Donations of handicrafts, produce, and baked goods will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your Dana.

Mochi and manju will be made on Saturday October 10 starting at 8:00 AM. All able toban members and many other volunteers are needed. This year's Bazaar will serve sushi, chicken curry, teriyaki chicken, tsukemono, mochi, manju, pies, and various baked goods. Unfortunately we are unable to serve udon this year since it takes so much prep time and the help is not there to be able to keep this on the menu for the few requests we get for udon.

Wayne & Sally Mizuki

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**ABA News**

There will be a ABA meeting on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

ABA extends their deepest sympathies to Eva Chun and family on the passing of her father in Hawaii.

ABA extends their deepest sympathies to Yoshiko Yamada and family on the passing of Ben. Ben has been a member of White River Temple for many years and has generously contributed to the Temple.

ABA extends their deepest sympathies to the Teraoka family on the passing of Ben Teraoka. Ben has worked with other members repairing things at the temple and he also enjoyed the men's cooking class.

ABA gratefully acknowledges the donation from Mrs. Yoshiko Yamada, in memory of Ben.

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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](tel: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.

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