

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

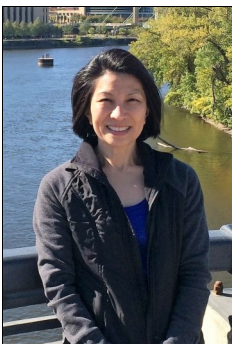
Our cultural and religious heritage is our treasure. What was passed on to us is our honor and privilege to receive.

If we do not keep those treasures and privileges alive today, we would be at a disadvantage.

We need to observe today's life style yet respect those treasures and privileges to make them a part of today's life.

This is a very important point for our Temple leaders in order to keep our Temple thriving.

Gassho,
Reverend Ogui



Message from the Chairperson

As I begin 2016 as your president of White River Buddhist Temple, I would like to thank you for your trust by electing me to the board. For those of you who do not know me, I grew up in this Temple and stand with respect as I look around and see all that you, our parents, and grandparents have done to build and sustain this Temple. As we look forward to our future, it is important that we don't lose sight of where we came from. At our February general meeting, we will be discussing and voting on options for the future, while maintaining the cultural roots of our temple. Please make every effort to attend.

On the financial side, the fundraising committee (with your input) has been working very hard and is moving forward with some new fundraisers. Information about the gold/silver collection fundraiser is in this newsletter and more information will be coming about a raffle. I ask that you keep an open mind as we try new fundraising ideas.

We all try to be fiscally responsible when we spend the Temple's money and I am aware that many of you have provided time, talent, skills/expertise, and supplies without compensation or recognition. This greatly reduces our operating costs and we appreciate you and all that you do for our Temple!

Finally, thank you to Bill Geenty, who has served as President for the past 2 years. During the transition, I ask for your patience and guidance as I work to figure out my responsibilities, and look forward to working together. If you have any comments, ideas, or questions, please feel free to contact me at president@wrbt.org.

Sharon Kosai

Bodhicitta, Spiritual Freedom and Other Power in Jodo Shinshu

Elwyn Lapoint

The literal meaning of *bodhicitta* is "mind of love," and the concept is closely related in Buddhism to the various forms of love. The first form that love takes is *maitri*, which is "loving kindness," "benevolence," or "altruistic love."

The second form love takes is *karuna*, "compassion," and *karuna*, long with *maitri* represent the motivating factors which prompt a bodhisattva to lead other beings to *moksha* "spiritual freedom."

Spiritual freedom becomes possible, however, only through *shinjin* "true entrusting," whereby an individual must rely on *tariki*, Amida's "other power."

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**February Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
February 7, 2016 at 11:00 AM**

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

Kishino Yamagata	1974	Michael James Hamasaki	1991
Setsu Yanagawa	1979	Kazuo Tsujikawa	1992
Haru Miyoshi	1980	Mary Yukie Sakuma	2002
Kart Funai	1980	Judy Schilthroat	2006
Steven Takeo Tsuji	1987	Dorothy Yaguchi	2010

1 year ~ 2015

3 year ~ 2014

7 year ~ 2010

13 year ~ 2004

17 year ~ 2000

25 year ~ 1992

DESIGNATED MEMORIAL SERVICE YEARS To schedule a family memorial service, please contact office@wrbt.org or speak with Rev Ogui.

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It is possible to sketch a resemblance between these classic Indian concepts and the empirical findings noted in the WRBT Survey, which may be briefly summarized as follows:

In this manner one observes that the South Asian theme of *bodhicitta* is closely related to the Japanese concept of *shinjin*. Both terms represent variants on the key metaphysical premises of Buddhism.

The remaining Sanskritic aspects of love include *mudita* ("joy") and *upeksha* ("freedom"), for both of which there are analogies in Japanese thought (Shinran 2007).

Buddhist Education

(Thank you Karen, for the many hours of hard work you have put into the Buddhist Education Committee over the years! If you are interested in joining the BEC, please contact Rev Ogui.)

A number of ideas were discussed at our January 6 meeting. Be on the lookout for upcoming Community Speaker Events you won't want to miss!

Also, looking further ahead into the future, maybe 2017 ... we're exploring ideas about a Buddhist Educational Event at a venue reaching out to the general public where they can experience Jodo Shinshu Buddhism and where the registration fee covers all or most of the expenses.

2016 Buddhist Education Calendar so far

Jan 10, Sun 11:00 Shinran Shonin's Memorial Service (HO ON KO)

Rev. James Hozen Warrick, Seattle Buddhist Church, Betsuin

Feb 21, Sun 11:00 Nirvana Day Service (Nehan-Ye)

Mar 12, Sat 9:30 - 3:30 Spring Body and Mind Seminar

Qi Gong, Tai Chi, Zenshin Meditation, + 2 Dharma Talks by
Guest Speaker Rev. Grant Ikuta, Steveston Buddhist Temple, BC, Canada

Mar 13, Sun 11:00 Spring Devotion Day (Higan-YE), & Pet Memorial Service

Guest Speaker Rev. Grant Ikuta, Steveston Buddhist Temple, BC, Canada

**Apr 10, Sun 11:00 Buddha's Birthday (Hanamatsuri, Kanbutsu-Ye)
and Infant Presentation (Shosanshiki/Hatsumairi)**

Guest Speaker Rev. Cris Taikan Cyders

May 15, Sun 11:00 Shinran Shonin's Birthday (GOTAN E)

July 10, Sun 11:00 Obon/Hatsubon Memorial Day (Kanki-Ye)

Nov 19, Sat 9:30 - 3:30 Fall Body and Mind Seminar

Qi Gong, Tai Chi, Zenshin Meditation, + 2 Dharma Talks by
Guest Speaker Dr. Susan Gilkey, Midwest Buddhist Temple, Chicago

Nov 20, Sun 11:00 Perpetual Memorial Family Service (Eitaikyo)

Guest Speaker Dr. Susan Gilkey, Midwest Buddhist Temple, Chicago

Dec 11, Sun 11:00 Bodhi Day (Jodo-E) Family Service

BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Year Round Donations

January – February - March
Paper Supplies (Kleenex, toilet tissue, etc.)

We will continue to disperse donations to various non-profits in Auburn and Kent.

Members Wanted - Come join the White River Buddhist Women's Association. There are year-round activities to keep us active and entertained, as well as helping build friendships while we constantly seek service projects to give back to our communities. Your input is always appreciated!

The 2016 BWA Cabinet:	President	Norma Geenty
	Vice President	Darlene Yamada
	Secretary	Deidre Lorenz
	Treasurer	Pat Kawabata
	Auditor	Gayle Takemura

Jan 9, Sat, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon – Make Stone Soup with BWA as a community service for those in need. A sign-up sheet was posted on the blue bulletin board outside the kitchen for requested ingredients and for volunteers to chop vegetables and help prepare several varieties of soup.

Jan 17, Sun, 1 p.m. - 2016 FBWA planning meeting

Jan 18, Mon, 3:15-7:00 p.m. - VA Puget Sound Fisher House - BWA plans to prepare another meal at the Seattle Fisher House on Monday, January 18. The veterans or active duty military and their family members have expressed appreciation for our "Asian" home cooked meals. As with previous outings, this BWA group plans to spend time visiting with the vets or active duty military over dinner and dessert. The menu is yet to be determined. For more information about the Fisher House, see < <http://www.fisherhousevaps.org/> >

Dorothy Yaguchi Memorial Project – Much work has been accomplished by Mary Cogger and fellow committee members. With Mary's many volunteer hours, a granite bench, water feature, and Japanese lantern are in place. Memorial signage is to be set in place in the near future. Additional plantings and re-planting of dahlia bulbs will be scheduled once the ground softens. All volunteers who help in the garden are very much appreciated. If you would like to volunteer to help in the garden when weather permits, please contact Mary.

Feb 12-14, Fri-Sun - NW District Buddhist Convention - Idaho-Oregon Buddhist Temple, Ontario, Oregon. Bus leaves White River Buddhist Temple early Friday morning.

Feb 28, Sun, 12 noon – BWA general meeting

Mar 20, Sun, 12 noon – BWA Spring Tea

Mar 26, Sat, 9-11:30 a.m. – BWA scarf making for winter 2016

Year Round Collections

Coins for diapers (collection jar in lobby)
Recycle lightbulbs (collection box in lobby)
Newspaper and towels for needy animals (give to Darlene Yamada)

Year Round Collections – We are continuing to collect item listed above. Darlene has already delivered one bag of recycled newspapers and one bag of unwanted towels to a business where parrot rescue and re-homing is a top priority.

I am hoping for another great year as we begin our 2016 journey together. It's hard to follow a class-act under the co-presidency of Karen Murakami and Lillian Asato, but I'll give this new responsibility my best effort.

Gassho,
Norma Geenty
BWA President

ABA News

2016 ABA Officers:

President: Katie Komoto
 Vice President: Randy Chun
 Secretary: Norma Geenty
 Treasurer: Bill Geenty

The Men's Cooking Class followed by the ABA meeting will be Monday, Feb. 8th : 10:00 am

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the Auburn Food Bank. Thank you to Stogie Kawabata who delivered all of the boxes to the food bank as he has been doing all these years.

ABA gratefully acknowledges the following donations.

Susie Taketa	In memory of Harry Taketa.
Michiko Toyoshima	In memory of Shig Toyoshima

What do you know about our library?

I spoke to a new member last weekend who didn't know we had a library! Some of the rest of you might not know all we have.

First of all, the books. Most are Buddhist related, but not all. Besides general Buddhism and Shin Buddhism, we have books about meditation, cooking and art. Our history section includes books about the Japanese in America, World War II and biographies.

We have books on Buddhist masters and Japanese language books. One section contains historical fiction and another showcases different collections. Currently it is writings from White River members.

Beginners Mind is an important concept in Buddhism. Books for beginners are located in the corner located diagonal to the door.

The Children's/Young Adult collection is located in the Dharma School room on the inside wall without windows.

The library also contains many cassette tapes, videos, CDs, and DVDs. Many of our past Dharma Talks are on DVD as is the White River Buddhist Temple 100th Anniversary DVD. As you enter the library walk toward the windows and look left.

It's easy to check out a book. The checkout table is to the left as you walk in. Select your book, take out the card (usually inside the front cover), write your name and put the card in the checkout box on the table.

There is also a book exchange...books for free. The spot is hard to find unless you look. As you enter the library you will see a red chair straight ahead. The book exchange is between that and the large dresser to the right.

If you look further, you will find many free items as well. We have older service books, The Teaching of Buddha and many other publications on top of the dresser under the window.

If you haven't been in lately, give the library a look.

Tobans

The Toban lists and duties have changed! Tobans are no longer in charge of chairing fundraisers (but we'd love your help if you're able).

Toban duties include:

- Making lunches after special services
- Refreshments for bi-annual clean-up days (except for fundraiser clean up days)
- Lunches for general meetings
- Light temple clean up as needed.

If you haven't received a Toban list, please contact Lillian A. or Alva N. You may also send an email to office@wrbt.org

Dharma School News

By Ruth Terry

On December 6th, Dharma school held the gingerbread house making event. Nine children and a few adults participated. As always, it was a lot of fun. Thanks to everyone who brought candy and supplies! Our next class will be January 31st, when the students will learn about the importance of nembutsu and work on a craft.

Also, we have a big thank you for Stan Tsujikawa, for the very cute wooden monkey jigsaw puzzle he donated to the Dharma school room. Thanks!

EcoSangha News

By Mary Cogger

Over the past few years White River Buddhist Temple has worked to help our environment. Mostly we use compostable, recyclable cups and dishes. The temple purchased large yard waste and recycle bins to send our waste for the most environmentally friendly use. To help with confusion of what to put in which container we placed signs provided by Auburn Waste Management. Many members are helping us reduce unnecessary waste.

In 2014, Dr. Craig Cogger spoke about climate change in our Community Speaker Series. In 2015 Dr. Danny Najera spoke about the importance of bees and how they are endangered. We hope to have more speakers. Do you have an idea?

There is an EcoSangha bulletin board outside the Dharma School Room. New ideas of how to be environmentally responsible are posted about every three months. You can help with ideas like Jackie Klakken and Chiho Prewitt did. You might even volunteer to do a display.

In 2016 we hope to become a National Wildlife Habitat as well. Requirements include providing food, water, and shelter for birds. Native plants to provide food and shelter have already been included around the grounds. We now have a beautiful new water display funded by the Dorothy Yaguchi Memorial Fund. I have already seen birds drinking the water. The garden remains free of pesticides and all soil additions are free of harmful chemicals. Dharma School will be making bird houses in the spring and a bird feeder will be added also. At this point we will request the National Wildlife Federation to become a National Wildlife Habitat.

There are many ways you can help our temple support the EcoSangha mission. After lunches, you could help separate "trash" into the appropriate bin. You could come up with an idea for the bulletin board or even make one yourself. You might offer to fund or help install the bird feeder. You could help Dharma School build bird houses. Do you know anyone who might come speak to us? Maybe you have another idea.

UNWANTED GOLD AND STERLING SILVER COLLECTION FUNDRAISER FOR WRBT

From January- March 2016

We are collecting any unused/unwanted gold or sterling silver. The items you donate will be sold to precious metals dealer with the 100% of the proceeds given to the Temple. A designated box for depositing items will be available each Sunday. Donations can be made at other times outside of the service. Please contact Sherry Hansen at 734-476-5282 if you have questions about donating. No donation is too small.

White River Buddhist Temple
General Meeting
Sunday, February 7th
12:30 pm

Newsletter by Email

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



Pledges

After several years of chairing and developing the pledge program, Karen Murakami has turned over the responsibilities to Bill Geenty.

Thank you Karen for a job well done!

Thank you Bill for accepting this huge responsibility!

Thank You from Peace Lutheran Church

We received the following letter from Pastor John Stroch from the Peace Lutheran Church in Tacoma for our participation in their program for community giving. Thank you Mary, for your coordination of this effort!



**Peace Lutheran
Church**



**PEACE COMMUNITY
CENTER**

December 18, 2015

Dear Sensei Ogui and Sisters and Brothers of White River Buddhist Temple,

On behalf of Peace Lutheran Church in Tacoma, I want to thank you for your generous gifts this season for families in need. The grocery gift cards and gifts for children you have provided will brighten the lives of so many parents and children at the end of this year!

I'm grateful also for our connection through the Conversations Around Race and the shared viewing and discussion of the play *Tea* in Tacoma. I'm thankful for Mary Cogger, who is a wonderful link between our two communities. Our interfaith partnership is a hopeful sign in a world of suspicion and prejudice when it comes to people of different faith traditions from one's own.

Please pass the greetings and thanks of all the people of Peace Lutheran Church to the White River community!

Journeying into the future with you with prayers for peace in our world and harmony among all people,

John Stroch
Pastor
pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org

Thank You!

~ Justin Tannahill for repairing the sidewalk in the back of the Temple.

~ Charles Natsuhara for assisting and coordinating the repairs.

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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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