

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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Greetings from Reverend Koshin Ogui

Last month, I had a virus which affected my balance. I was taken to the emergency room and discharged the same day. When I returned to work at the Temple, I was asked to read the prayer messages from the Sangha; there were 24 messages all wishing and praying for my health.

Mayumi and I were very moved by those messages. We even had tears in our eyes and our spirits were lifted in response to those prayers. We felt profoundly grateful. It was a pleasant coincidence that I made the Prayer Box and I was the first one who was prayed for.

While I was in the hospital, our beloved friend George Komoto passed away on the same morning. While I wasn't able to perform my duties during that time, I am very grateful that my wife Mayumi worked with our Temple president, Sharon Kosai, to make arrangements with Rev Kosho Yukawa to perform the bedside service (Makuragyo).

Namuamidabutsu, Gassho
Reverend Ogui



Message from the Chairperson

Over the last month, the membership has been reviewing, contemplating, and engaging in thoughtful conversation about the future of our Temple. We have reviewed the pros and cons of various options and I am pleased to announce that the membership has voted to invest in the future of the Temple and commit to working towards a long term strategy of growing the Temple membership. We know that there will be some changes, but we will not be compromising our cultural history of the temple or the importance of our current members. Our next step will be to develop strategies on how to increase membership. I ask that you be open to new ideas and offer any input as to why you attend White River

Buddhist Temple and/or offer ideas you may have for reaching out to those not regularly attending. The Sangha will be an active part of the process and as usual, major decisions will not take place without approval from the membership.

Last month, I noted that many of you have provided time, talent, skills/expertise, and supplies without compensation or recognition. So many times, things are done behind the scenes without our knowledge. When Rev. Ogui was ill, I got a chance to get a glimpse of Mrs. Mayumi Ogui and all that she does. Whether it is personally supporting Rev. Ogui, helping to prepare the Onaijin for service, putting things away after service, greeting the Sangha, or cleaning, she never calls attention to herself. My hat is off to Mrs Ogui for all that she does for our Temple!

I would like to extend my appreciation to Rev. Cris Cyders for leading ZenShin Meditation and to Joe Watanabe for preparing the altar, leading service and giving the Dharma message while Rev Ogui was absent. This is just one more example of people generously stepping forward to help our Temple.

There are many ways to get involved. If you have a desire to help but are not sure what you can do, drop me a line. I can work with you to find a great fit!

Sharon Kosai

Condolences

The Temple extends its deepest sympathies to Jill and Greg Komoto and the rest of the Komoto and Omura families for their loss of George and Lily Komoto. We will always remember George greeting us with his crooked hat and BIG smile! Lily will always be remembered for her strong will and generous heart. Both worked so hard for the betterment of the Temple and they will be greatly missed.

**March Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
March 6, 2016 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 6th 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
Tsutae Tiny Taketa	1996	Satoru Kato	2014
Hiroto Mizoguchi	2001		

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.

Chicken Teriyaki Dinner Spring Fundraiser

The Chicken Teriyaki Dinner Spring Fundraiser will be held on Sunday April 17th, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. In addition to the Dinner and Bake Sale, we will be adding a Plant Sale. Mary Cogger will be chairing the plant sale.

This year, tobans will not be used to assign the workload of our fundraisers. You may be asked by a committee chairperson to help with a specific job before we initiate a sign up system. The sign up system will assign volunteers to any remaining vacant jobs we need to fill.

Roger Fukai will be distributing tickets for the dinner. The cost is \$12.00. If you need tickets, please contact Roger.

If you have any questions about the Spring Fundraiser please contact Charles Natsuhara.

Spring Fundraiser Plant Sale

We're looking for items to sell at our sale. Can you provide:

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| Plant starts | Perennials | Decorative pots |
| Houseplants | Bulbs | Others????? |

Contact Mary Cogger - Section Leader, for more information.

UNWANTED GOLD AND STERLING SILVER COLLECTION FUNDRAISER

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.

New Fundraiser 50/50 Raffle!

50/50 Raffle tickets have arrived! We will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets, winner will receive half of the proceeds raised from the sale and the temple gets the other half. Who wouldn't like to have a chance to win some extra money! Our goal is to sell 1,000 tickets, which would mean \$2,500 to the winner, so we need everyone to try and sell as many tickets as possible. The drawing will be at our Chicken Teriyaki Dinner on April 17. Please let Char Grinolds know how many tickets you'd like (253-630-2279 or chargrinolds@q.com). Tickets will also be available every Sunday after service.

Cooking Classes

As our population ages, we wish to pass on to the younger generation, the many Japanese dishes that our parents taught us and the many specialties that we have learned throughout the years. Eating a Japanese diet is healthy as well as delicious. The classes will be held monthly so please watch the calendar for the topic.

There will be a sign up sheet posted at the temple, or please call either Pat Kawabata at 206-824-1697 or Lilly Kato at 253-856-9801 to register. There will be a nominal fee per session to help defray expenses.

White River Valley Museum Exhibit

The White River Valley Museum, located in Auburn, is planning a temporary exhibit of arts and crafts made in the internment camps during World War II. The museum is looking for items that can be loaned to the museum for the exhibit. The exhibit would run from July to November 2016. If you have items or questions, please contact the museum director, Patricia Cosgrove, at (253) 288-7437 or email pcosgrove@auburnwa.gov. The deadline for contacting the museum is April 1. A flyer with examples of items is available at the temple.

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.

Great Job! - On Feb 2, 2016, Karen Murakami delivered a collection of paper supplies/food/clothing to the Auburn Food Bank. Total weight: 9.8 pounds.

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 – Soup making as a community service for those in need. A sign-up sheet was posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen for requested ingredients and for volunteers to chop vegetables and help prepare hearty soups. In total, 13 gallons of chicken noodle and 13 gallons of mine-strone soup were made, packaged, and frozen for later delivery to two or three different organizations.

Jan 17, Sun, 1 p.m. - 2016 FBWA planning meeting was conducted via teleconference.

Jan 18, Mon, 3:15-7:00 p.m. - VA Puget Sound Fisher House – Six BWA members and one spouse prepared chicken curry, rice, Asian cashew salad, and chocolate krinkle cookies. The veterans or active duty military and their family members expressed appreciation for our home cooked meals and company. As with previous outings, this BWA group spent time visiting with the vets or active duty military over dinner and dessert.

Dorothy Yaguchi Memorial Project – The garden project is complete! Thank you Mary Cogger, fellow committee members, and other volunteers who took part in this project. When the weather warms, a dedication ceremony, inviting Mas and Kathy Yamamoto, is in the planning stages. Bark and gravel, as a final touch, was purchased from Carpinito Brothers of Kent. All volunteers are appreciated and welcome to maintain the garden.

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

Feb 18, Thurs, 9 a.m. – Fun Fellowship – Emerald Queen, Fife. Carpool to leave the temple at 9 a.m. Sign-up sheet for this event is posted on the hallway bulletin board. Join us for a few hours of fun and a wonderful buffet.

Feb 28, Sun, 12 noon – BWA general meeting – CANCELLED.

Mar 20, Sun, 12 noon – BWA Spring Tea and BWA general meeting. Co-Chairs: Vivian Geocaris and Deidre Lorenz.

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

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 – Your generous donations of towels were delivered to Regional Animal Services of King County on Jan 6 and Feb 8. On the same dates, towels and newspaper were delivered to an avian rescue center in Kent.

Gassho,
 Norma Geenty
 BWA President

ABA News

Our deepest sympathies to Jill and Greg Komoto and the Komoto and Omura families for the loss of George & Lily Komoto. George and Lily were active members of the ABA and the temple for many years. We will miss them both.

The next Men’s Cooking Class will be Monday, March 14 at 10:00 am.

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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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