

The White Path

Living the Life of the Nembutsu

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Minister's Greetings

Charles Natsuhara, Vivian Geocaris, and I gathered in my office recently to discuss a new Sunday service format that we will be trying out, starting the last Sunday in April.

The new format will provide the opportunity for everyone to talk and share their opinions during a facilitated session on a relevant subject. For example, if the subject is about the Executive Order of the President regarding Immigration matters and the Islamic faith, we could share our thoughts from the perspective of "Compassion" and Buddhist Practice.

I am currently working on offering a meditation class to be offered at Green River College this summer. Our Temple's work towards involvement in Interfaith programs in the community, participation in the Auburn Chamber of Commerce as a member, an increase in volunteers for Dharma School, and our Spring and Fall Body and Mind Seminar have enhanced in our Temple. These activities are under the strategy, which is being led by Roger Fukai in cooperation with Sangha members, and a positive support from our President, Sharon Kosai.

....good, good, smile in Gassho, Let's go forward!

Gassho, Rev. Koshin and Mayumi Ogui



Message from the Chairperson

Recently, while teaching a class, a student came up to me and cracked a joke. I smiled and she exclaimed, "There's your smile!" I thought it odd since I really do enjoy what I'm doing but obviously, my face didn't show it. I was more worried about concentrating on what I needed to teach, not on what my outward appearance looked like. I continued with the class but I kept thinking about our exchange.

During Dharma talks, I often hear Rev. Ogui tell us, "Don't be so serious." I never really thought of it much because honestly, I didn't see the relevancy at the moment. I heard what he said but it went in one ear and out the other. Well, I guess somewhere in between, those words stuck in my brain because it came back to me when thinking about how the lady specifically mentioned that I was missing my smile.

I have been so focused on trying to be a good instructor, getting each step of instruction right, and noticing all of the nuances of what each student needed that I forgot why I'm doing this in the first place. Somehow in all of the stress and concentration of getting everything right, I forgot about enjoying the moment. Now, I understand the phrase, "Don't be so serious," or at least that's how I interpret it. I need to be sure to relax, be more open, and take the opportunity to really enjoy each moment.

So in my next class, I decided to try on my "new" mantra, "Don't be so serious." What a difference that made. I felt more relaxed and really enjoyed sharing each moment of their successes, breakthroughs, and even more connected with their struggles. I hope that you too will remember, "Don't be so serious," and enjoy life's moments a little more.

Next up, Business: At the NW District Council meeting, I had the opportunity to express my concerns regarding the BCA budget to the Bishop and National Council President. With a proposed increase in dues, severe shortage of ministers, and no solid plan in the works to correct this trend (or at least not one that could be explained), I let them know how difficult it was for temples to support a bloated BCA budget without any real plan to improve our current situation for the near and long term future. Even though it was difficult to respectively challenge the Bishop and President, I felt it was important enough for them to hear that I was less than thrilled to keep blindly donating when I felt that our money isn't being utilized wisely. I was told that I need to think of more than just my Temple, but without the Temples, would BCA exist?

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**March Shotsuki Hoyo Monthly Memorial Service
March 5, 2017 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 5th 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 ~ 2016 3 year ~ 2015 7 year ~ 2011 13 year ~ 2005
17 year ~ 2001 25 year ~ 1993 33 year ~ 1985 50 year ~ 1968

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

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I hope that my concerns were heard and that the BCA will begin to work on a plan for increasing the ministerial pool and improve fiscal responsibility. I'm unable to attend the National Council meeting, but Wayne Mizuki will be representing White River. As always, I welcome your thoughts.

Sharon Kosai

P.S. Remember to join me on March 5th at 10:30am for "Pastries with the President." No agenda, No donation, No catch. Just coffee, pastries, and good conversation with your fellow Sangha members!

LIFE TRANSITIONS PART 3 - HOSPICE CARE

Sunday, March 26, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm @ WRBT (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Keiro NW Tuition: Suggested donation at the door: \$10 Annual Member; \$15 Non-Annual Members

Join us as we discuss Hospice and how Hospice services can help you. Our discussion will include: how Hospice has changed over the last years - it's not what it used to be! You'll learn what to expect from Hospice care, who your Hospice team is, Medicare coverage of Hospice services, and how Hospice can help you and your family live well at the end of life. **Jodi Inman** has worked in healthcare in many capacities for over 30 years, starting as Admitting Clerk then as Department Manager and now as Hospice Specialist. She has spent 3 years with Kindred and has a special interest in seniors and Alzheimer's. Jodi is Washington born and raised and is married with 4 dogs.

Feel free to bring your brown bag lunch! Register online at <http://www.keironorthwest.org/programs/continuing-education/> or contact rtaki@keironw.org or call 206.726.6469

Future Life Transition Classes

All Classes Start at 1:00pm

LIFE TRANSITIONS PART 4 – What to Expect at the End: The Funeral, the Will, and Family Dynamics (May 21) - Life doesn't come with an instruction manual...especially the end of life. When a loved one passes away, there are so many questions to answer: How do you make the funeral / memorial arrangements? What is the role of the executor of the will and how does Probate work? Why is my family acting so strangely? Join us as we discuss what you should expect at the end, what your resources are, and how to get through it with as much grace as you can.

Life Transitions PART 5 – When Do You Ask for Help and What Are Your Resources? (Oct 1)

Timeless Favorites Cooking Class

March 4th at 10:00am

At our next Timeless Favorites Cooking Class, Chiho Pewitt will teach how to make Onigirazu, Kimpira Gobo & Kakitama at 10 AM. Please sign up at the temple or office@wrbt.org

If anyone would like to participate in the program, we welcome others to instruct the cooking classes. The food does not need to be Japanese, but any favorite recipe will be just great. If interested, please contact Lilly Kato at katoly@comcast.net.

Donations

The Temple gratefully acknowledges the following donations received and recorded from January 16th through February 12th. Thank you to the many people whose financial donations, as well as their donations of goods, energy, and time help us to stay in existence. Please contact Ron Murakami, Treasurer, regarding omissions or corrections by phone (253) 845-3062, or by email to ron.murakami@comcast.net. Amount not specified for internet publishing.

1st Year Memorial Service for George & Lily Komoto

Chris Beck & Marcia Kajimura-Beck	Ms Jill Komoto & Alan Lipp
Mrs Michi Chihara	Mrs Katie Komoto
M/M Bill Glasser	Mr Stan Kondo
Mr. & Mrs. John Iwai	M/M Mark & Sharon Kosai
Mrs Yuki Iwai	M/M Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani
Donald Kato & Beta Lim-Kato	Mrs Tomeko Lloyd Taketa
M/M Mike & Louise Kato	M/M Stan & Mary Tsujikawa
Mrs Rosie Kato	Ms Darlene Yamada
M/M Shiyoji & Pat Kawabata	Mrs Yoshiko Yamada
Mr Greg Komoto	

Monthly (Shotsuki) Memorials

Mrs Monica Furtick	In memory of Dorothy Yaguchi
M/M Lorin & Charlene Grinolds	In memory of Steve Tsuji
Mrs Audrie Hayes	In memory of my uncle, Kaz Tsujikawa
Mrs Audrie Hayes	In memory of my father, Kart Funai
Jill Komoto	1st Year Memorial for George Komoto
Jill Komoto	In memory of Lily Komoto
M/M Mark & Sharon Kosai	February Shotsuki Hoyo
Ms Bonnie Kurata	In memory of Roy Taketa
Mr Randy Okimoto	In memory of Ura Toyoshima
Mr Randy Okimoto	In memory of Mary Sakuma
M/M Itsuo & Yuri Shiotani	February Shotsuki Hoyo
M/M Stan & Mary Tsujikawa	In memory of Kaz Tsujikawa
M/M Stan & Mary Tsujikawa	In memory of Kart Funai

General Donations

BCA Dana Program, Oct 1-Dec 31	BCA Dana donation: Charlene Grinolds & Sherry Hansen
Amy Dodobara-Doran	Honeywell Int 2016 Year-End Charity Matching
Kroger/Fred Meyer	Rewards Program Community Give-back
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Mrs Tomeko Lloyd Taketa	Gift In-kind - 100 postage stamps

2017 Pledge Totals

January 1-31, 2017

Thank you for your support in 2017!

Date	PLEDGES DECLARED		Contributors	DOLLARS COLLECTED	
	Additional	Total		Additional	Total
February 2, 2017	\$6,980	\$6980	9	\$3,440	\$3,440

Amount Not Specified for Internet Publishing

Monica Furtick	Kathryn Natsuhara	Sharon Kosai
Elwyn & Deborah Lapoint	Carolyn Yamada	Gayle Takemura
Randy Okimoto	Anonymous	Anonymous

Newsletter by Email

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



Thank you...

- Ron Murakami and JR Pewitt for fixing the mic/sound system in the hondo.



Chicken Teriyaki & Plant Sale Spring Fundraiser

The Chicken Teriyaki & Plant Sale Spring Fundraiser is coming up on Sunday April 23rd, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. We will be sending out volunteer sign up information in early March. Donations for the Plant Sale are greatly appreciated contact Mary Cogger at coggermh@nventure.com or [253-627-1630](tel:253-627-1630) if you have any plants to donate and bring them to the Temple on Saturday 4/22. Bake sale items are also appreciated (cookies, cakes, breads, etc.), nothing that has to be refrigerated please. Baked items need to be to the Temple by 9:30 am 4/23. All committee chairs our next meeting is on Tuesday 3/14 at 7:00 pm.

Garden Sales @ Spring Fundraiser April 23, 2017

We are having another plant and garden sale at the spring fundraiser. Please think about what you might do to help. You could: start cool weather plants, make cuttings, dig plants or their “runners”, stolons. Do you have extra decorative pots or houseplants? We can also sell garden decorations and more.

As the sale gets closer, you will be able to sign up to help with the sale if you wish. We’ll collect the donated items the Friday before the sale. In Gassho, Mary Cogger



WRBT Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee met on February 4, 2017.

There has not been much done with the Charity Car Wash sale. It was decided to “advertise” and encourage more sales. Norma has the tickets, so everyone will be encouraged to see her. Tickets would also be sold at the Spring Fundraiser. Tickets are \$7 each at designated car wash locations printed on each ticket. This sale is one of our Ecosangha efforts.

Char Grinolds, who is chair of the Spring Fundraiser to be held on April 23rd, reported on activities conducted to this point. The first meeting of all section chairs will be held on Feb. 8th at 7 p.m. We will be serving Teriyaki Chicken dinners (4 pieces of Chicken with Rice and Tsukemono). There will be a Plant Sale, Raffle and Bake Sale with Baked Goods and Spam Musubi.

The Fundraising Surveys were reviewed. Out of the approximately 80 surveys sent out responses were received from 20 Sangha members. All 20 respondents had worked at some/all of the fundraisers held last year. There were a number of written comments which offered a variety of ideas for future recruiting of volunteers and different fundraisers. If you would like to see the survey responses, please ask Mary Cogger, Char Grinolds, Greg Watson or Norma Geenty.

The Garage/Rummage Sale was one suggestion from the survey. While we have no details to report now, it was discussed and approved by the Sangha members at our February 12th General Membership Meeting. No one volunteered to chair this fundraiser, but Greg Watson volunteered to serve as Co-chair or as a member of the Coordinating Committee. If you are also interested in helping, please contact Norma. We will be working to determine the date of this event, but have the May-June timeframe in mind. There are many details to be considered such as: do we serve some food (e.g. hot dogs, popcorn, drinks, desserts, etc.), who will chair, etc. It was also decided at the membership meeting that this event would be in addition to our other fundraisers, Spring Fundraiser, Bon Odori and Fall Bazaar.

WHITE RIVER BUDDHIST WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION – February 1, 2017

Congratulation and Thanks to our 2017 NWD BWA cabinet!

President	Karen Murakami
Treasurer	Pat Kawabata
Auditor	Gayle Takemura

Feb 26 (Sunday) – BWA Membership Meeting after service

Year-Round Collections

- **Green Box Jan-Mar** Paper supplies including toilet tissues, Kleenex, paper towels, Kleenex, hygiene supplies including hand & body wipes.
- **Coins** for diapers (collection jar in lobby)
- **Recycle lightbulbs** (collection box in lobby)
- **Newspaper and towels** for animals in need (see Darlene Yamada)
- Darlene delivered 4 bags of newspapers to Inca’s Secret on Jan. 28th



Searching for Harmony of Body and Mind?



*Experience meditation, movement,
and Dharma talks with
Jisui Craig Horton*

Saturday, March 11th, 2017

9:00-12:00

Jisui Craig Horton of Cleveland Buddhist Temple has a fascinating story from the perspective of living on the streets of Cleveland, Ohio to his path to Buddhism with Rev. Koshin Ogui in the 1990's. As a student of Buddhism, he has become a senior leader and teacher of the Buddha Dharma, and a resident coordinator for the Cleveland Buddhist Temple.

Registration Form: <http://bit.ly/2kFCGaB> or office@wrbt.org

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What is Buddhism?

Join us as we explore what Buddhism is all about. Our 4-part Buddhism 101 Series will begin in March and is open to everyone. Class times: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

- March 2: General Buddhism I
- March 9: General Buddhism II
- March 16: Shin Buddhism I
- March 23: Shin Buddhism II

Contact office@wrbt.org or call 253-833-1442 for more information.

Dharma School

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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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