

SPOKANE BUDDHIST TEMPLE NEWSLETTER

Everyone is welcome to attend all activities and services.

Free Day Care during services.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 2003

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| March 2 | Sunday | 10:30 AM | Sangha Service followed by Buddhism 101
<i>Flowers:</i> Martha Nelson ♦ <i>Leader (MC):</i> Ed Parker ♦
<i>Chanter:</i> Paul Vielle ♦ <i>Snack:</i> Liat Parker |
| March 9 | Sunday | 10:30 AM | Sangha Service followed by Buddhism 101
<i>Flowers:</i> Kristina Rood ♦ <i>Leader (MC):</i> Paul Vielle ♦
<i>Chanter:</i> Christine Marr ♦ <i>Snack:</i> G.M. Megleien |
| March 13 | Thursday | 7:00 PM | Jodo Shinshu Study Class (see Announcements) |
| March 16 | Sunday | 10:30 AM | Sangha Service followed by Buddhism 101
<i>Flowers:</i> Ann Heineman ♦ <i>Leader (MC):</i> Kristina Rood ♦
<i>Chanter:</i> Jefferson Workman ♦ <i>Snack:</i> Paul and Karen Vielle |
| March 20 | Thursday | 7:00 PM | Jodo Shinshu Study Class (see Announcements) |
| March 23 | Sunday | 10:30 AM | Sangha Service followed by Buddhism 101
<i>Flowers:</i> Paul and Karen Vielle ♦ <i>Leader (MC):</i> Jefferson Workman
<i>Chanter:</i> Paul Vielle ♦ <i>Snack:</i> Beth and Skyler Cullitan |
| March 27 | Thursday | 6:15 PM | Board Meeting. Board members mark your calendars |
| | | 7:30 PM | Jodo Shinshu Study Class Note time change due to Board Meeting. |
| March 30 | Sunday | 2:00 PM | Introduction to Buddhism (see Announcements) |
| | | 3:00 PM | Ohigan Service with Rev. Castro , from the Seattle Betsuin.
<i>Offering:</i> Judy Uyema in memory of her parents Rev William and Mary Terao, and Rev Eiyu Terao
<i>Flowers:</i> JaAnn Yaney ♦ <i>Leader (MC):</i> Ed Parker ♦
♦ <i>Rev. Hospitality:</i> Paul Vielle ♦
<i>Snack:</i> Pat Omine and Marcelline Burdett. |

❖ *If you cannot be there on your assigned day, please call someone on the list to switch.* ❖

Newsletter Corrections: To correct an error or to add or delete your name on our mailing list, please call the Temple at 534-7954 and leave the information on the answering machine.

Temple News



Leslie Green and I attended the Northwest Buddhist Conference in Portland, what a weekend! My middle name was "Spokane" as in: "Oh..... Spokane!" And," Spokane! We are so happy to see you." Spokane was highly regarded. Even if they didn't know me, they sure knew who I represented, as I was greeted as an old friend. It was very touching.

The theme was "Putting The Pieces Together". Well explained by Leslie; "There were very many lectures and workshops to attend at this years conference. There were six different "strands" in which there were also three individual topics. The strands included, Our House, Our Home (balancing home life; Buddhism in America (understanding Pure Land Buddhism); Nigongo Hanashimasu (for members from Japan); Crating a Healthier Me (spiritual and physical health); Temple Stability (stewardship of our temples) and Being a Buddhist Can be Fun (dancing and art stuff). The only bad thing was that you could only attend three workshops." Now you have an idea of all the conventions have to offer.

Next year will be held in Ontario, Idaho on Feb. 13—16 2004. Convention for 2005 will be in Tacoma and (hold on to your hats), 2006 will be Spokane! It has been 17 years since we last hosted a convention. We are starting work already, so you will hear updates as we progress.

On to the current events, we are well into preparations for Japan Week. Doug Heyamoto is on the Japan Week Committee and has been helpful in bringing information to the board. This year we are planning our Spring Fundraiser and lecture on April 19th. The money raised goes into the general fund, to keep our doors open. Donations, membership fees and fundraisers are our only means of support . So this is very important to our bottom line. All help, food donations and monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Our goal is to sell 350 box lunches, lots of senbei and whatever delicious donations are made to the bake sale.

Our new board met ,and elected new officers for 2003. Here are the lucky board members: Christine Marr President ,Jason McCauley VP, Leslie Green Sec., Fumi Uyeji Treasurer, board members; Jefferson Workman, Paul Vielle, Janet Tamura (should have made her president as she and Jim are sunning in Hawaii) Chris Marr and Doug Heyamoto. We have our work cut out for us!

One last item, Rev. Fuji (who happened to be our minister 17 years back) has been assigned to the Seattle Betsuin. We look forward to seeing him along with Rev. Castro every other month. With a new schedule in place, we will plan some lectures and workshops in the coming months.

Gassho, Christine Marr President



Announcements

Mark your calendar: Activities for
Japan Week April 19 & 20, 2003

Our spring fundraiser is planned for April. We will be selling Chicken Teriyaki box lunches, Books, a Bake Sale and lots more.

Listed below are the volunteer times. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board (thanks to Mary Nabor). You can also call and we will add your name. **Please sign up or call early.** We are trying to separate into shifts, the Early Birds and the Night Owls. That way, you can pick and choose the time best for you!

Fumi Uyeji 747-0480 or Ann Heineman 838-2615.

Senbei Making: 2 shifts Sat. April 5
Chicken Cooking: 2 shifts Friday April 18
Work the Sale: 2 shifts Saturday April 19

Pure Land Buddhism, Crooked Path of Life
by Rev. Mark Unno

Flyer will be in the next newsletter, this talk will be held April 19 at 7 PM. Rev. Unno will also lead our Hanamasuri Service the next morning at 10:30 AM. This is going to be a busy weekend for our Temple!

New Jodo Shinshu Study Class

We are starting a new study/discussion group on Thursday evenings 7-8 PM on March 13, downstairs. We will begin with Rev. Dr. Alfred Bloom's Shin course at Shin Dharma.net (click on 6th down on the left side). If you do not have access to the internet call me and I will get a copy of the chapter 624-7646, Ed Parker. There are twenty five chapters in this course, ours is a wonderful religion with a good deal to think and talk about. I look forward to your thoughts. All are welcome.

Ed Parker parkere99@msn.com

Sangha Service and Buddhism 101

We begin many Sundays with our Sangha Services (a Sanskrit word for Buddhist Community). This is held at 10:30 AM most Sunday mornings, (see calendar for dates). Everyone is welcome to attend. Following the service, we move downstairs for our "Buddhism 101" study group and refreshments. We are enjoying our video course, "Buddhism" by Professor Eckel from Boston University. Each lecture covers a different topic on Buddhism, so it is

easy to pick up even if you don't see the entire series. Following the half hour video we have an informal group discussion. This is a beginners group, and we finish at noon.

Introduction to Buddhism 2:00 March 30

We will have an introduction to Buddhism starting upstairs in the Hondo. This is an informal 30 minute introduction by members, to give you an idea of who we are. We cover what goes on at a service, how Buddhism began, how did this Temple start here in Spokane? We finish with tea and snacks downstairs. You are welcome to stay for Ohigan Service at 3:00.

Meditation Sitting Wed. Evenings

Our meditation group begins at 6 PM. By 6:30 PM we will either view a 1/2 hour video or spend 1/2 hour reading from one of Sri Easwaran's books. At 7 PM we settle in for a 1/2 hour of meditation. If anyone would like to join us for the meditation, they are truly welcome. Questions, call Mary 325-1876.

Help Wanted !

Toban Coordinator Needed

A Clean the Temple Coordinator is needed. Arrange Toban Cleaning days for the calendar, keep track of supplies needed and a task checklist. It would be only a once a month job. If this sounds like something you could take responsibility for, call Ann Heineman 838-2615. Questions? Ask Christine Marr for details following any service. Thanks.



Looking Ahead:

- 🌀 Senbei Making April 5, 2003
- 🌀 Japan Week Temple activities on April 19, 20, 2003:
Spring Food Bazaar and Bake Sale, Lecture and Hanamatsuri Service.