



## ANNOUNCEMENTS: August 2003

August 1 – 3 Weekend Retreat  
**“If life is a Nightmare, Wake up to a Dream”**,

**An Introduction to Buddhism.** This retreat is being offered to our Sangha at Mukogawa Fort Wright and will be led by Dr. Kenji Akahoshi, a health professional with a background in Buddhism, and body-mind-spirit disciplines. This is our opportunity to gain perspective on the causes and conditions of our happiness and unhappiness, and to learn ways, based on Buddhist principals to find greater peace and harmony in our lives. We will begin after dinner on Friday, the 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM., end on Sunday morning the 3<sup>rd</sup> after breakfast. Cost: \$150 limited to 25 people. Call 280-5096 to register.

Special Obon Service and Terao\_Memorial Service **on August 3<sup>rd</sup> for our temple founders, Reverend Eiyu Terao, and his brother Reverend William Terao. The cemetery service will be at 1:00PM with Rinban Fujii.**

**We will have an Introduction to Buddhism at 2:00 with Rev. Tetsuo Unno. This is a great chance to learn about our Temple from an entertaining speaker. Tell anyone wanting to learn about Buddhism, this is a great opportunity!**

**Our Obon Service and Memorial Service with Rinban Fujii officiating will begin at 3 pm. Rev Unno will be the keynote speaker. We will have many special guests in attendance including Mrs. Joyce Terao and her family.**

### **Reception at King Yen**

Please join us for a reception following the service at the King Yen Restaurant, 3004 N Monroe. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Reservations required by the end of July. Call Kazuko Kuwada at 534-1037.

### **BUDDHISM101:**

We are currently watching a Buddhism Series following our Sangha Services at 10:30. Please join us for refreshments and video downstairs. This is a beginners group; everyone is welcome. In the fall, we will begin a book study “Shin Buddhism, Bits of Rubble Turn into Gold” by Taitetsu Unno. This book will offer us an opportunity to learn Shin Buddhism at a beginners level. We have copies available in our bookstore now.

### **Summer Vacation**

Be sure to note, there will be no services August 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Services will resume September 7. Enjoy your summer!

## Temple News

August will start out busy and end with a summer vacation break. Our first retreat with Kenji Akahoshi will start Friday evening Aug. 1 and end at 11:30 am Sunday morning. This will give the participants time to pack up from the retreat, and make it to the Special Obon and Terao Memorial Service. We will have Rinban Fujii and Rev Tetsuo Unno for this service. There will be a reception following, all are invited to attend.

Rev Unno will also be speaking at our Introduction to Buddhism we present once a month. This is a "must see" speaker; we look forward to having him visit Spokane again. That will be at 2 pm.

Looking back, we had our booth this year at the Perry Street Faire in Grant Park. There was low attendance due to street construction and the cancelled Car Show. This was a disappointment especially on a scorching hot day. But...even with the low turnout, we made more money with our senbei rice crackers - \$300 worth sold, than we did with our rice & beef bowls previous years. Many thanks to all the workers who helped make the senbei and to those working in the booth. **Donating your time to the Temple is so appreciated.**

Jefferson Workman and Ed Parker carried on as scheduled with our 3 Introductions to Buddhism. We did raise enough money to pay for our new banner. It looked terrific on our food booth in the park. The banner will be useful for years to come at all events. Look for it at our next Food Bazaar; it has purple lettering on white with the Wisteria Crest and the web site address.

Our Board Meetings have been busy, already planning the 2006 Northwest Buddhist Convention here in Spokane. \*\*\*\*Mark you calendars for Feb. 13, 14 & 15, 2004 to attend the convention at the Oregon Idaho Temple\*\*\* we are working on scheduling a bus to make it easy to get there. We will let you know more soon.

Our host committee with Fumi Uyeji, Leslie Green and myself, have been touring the local hotels that would be able to host our convention. They are all competitive in their pricing; it will be a tough decision. Interested in being a part of Convention 2006?

The committees will be formed in the coming months by the board. We invite you to put in your name now for input in the planning stages and help with the event. Contact Fumi Uyeji, 747-0480, Janet Tamura 535-219 or Leslie Green 465-1993.

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