

EUGENE ZENDO

Butsugenji - Buddha Eye Temple

Community Bulletin

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Announcements

Our Sunday **Children's Program** resumes January 15, with an additional meeting on the 29th. Children join everyone else for chanting and ten minutes of zazen, then participate in activities planned by our Children's program coordinators, Leslie Rutberg and Carmelita Thompson. Please contact us for additional information. Whoever is leading the activities for the day will also be available before the Sunday program starts to answer questions.

We will be closed for the New Year's Holiday, with daily activities suspended on Sunday, January 1 (except for the New Year's Celebration), Monday, January 2, and Tuesday, January 3.

A **modified daily practice schedule** will be in effect through January 13. Afternoon samu and evening service will not necessarily occur at the normal times, sanzen will not be offered Tuesday and Thursday mornings or Monday and Wednesday afternoons, and there will be no Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday PM zazen. During this period, sanzen will be available by individual appointment.

Please contact us via e-mail (butsugenji@eugenezendo.org) or sign up on the table in the front room if you would like to **receive the bulletin electronically** in PDF format rather than in printed form.

Please visit the **Zendo Facebook page** (Eugene Zendo – Butsugenji) where we are posting announcements about special events and other items of interest.

Fusatsu will occur Sunday, January 8 this month at 7:00 P.M.

Dharma talks are available online at www.eugenezendo.org/mp3.

New Year's Day Celebration:

Join us on New Year's Day of 2012 as we continue a long-standing Butsugenji tradition, serving a special feast of traditional Japanese New Year's food, including mochi, a glutinous rice cake, sweet azuki bean soup, and ozoni, a savory vegetable soup. A brief ceremony will begin at 1:00 P.M., to be followed by eating and other assorted merriment. Family, friends, and especially young children are most welcome to participate in the festivities—mochi leftovers typically last through sometime in the middle of the year, so the more the merrier! All are additionally invited to join us throughout the afternoon of December 31 as prepare the mochi for the next day—this involves steaming the rice for some time then depositing the cooked rice into a large mortar, after which those present take turns pounding it with a wooden mallet until it becomes a thick, glutinous mass. Between strikes, another brave individual grabs the rice, wetting and turning it to ensure that it doesn't stick to the surface of the mortar. The finished product is then shaped into a small, round cake and cut into small pieces, which can be eaten fresh (often with sweet bean paste) or baked so that the cake is crispy on the outside and gooey on the inside.



Fundraising Drive Update: As of December 21, the amount we've raised during our year-end donation drive is an impressive \$7,135. That means that after only three weeks, we're already very close to reaching our fundraising goal of \$7,707! Many bows to all of those who have contributed to the drive—it has been inspiring to see the swiftness and decisiveness of the community's response to our call for assistance in meeting our budget for 2011. The drive continues through the end of December, and donations may be mailed in or placed on the special offerings altar in the front room of the Zendo. All donations are fully tax-deductible.

Tuesday Night Workshops: For the past several years we've held special workshops on Tuesday evenings during January and February before the opening of the Spring Practice Term. This year will

be no different, and this time around, we have several different activities on the docket. All workshops will begin a little after 8:00 P.M. in the yurt—feel free to attend service and zazen beforehand, or just to drop by for the workshops. On January 10 and 17, Barbara Daté, a volunteer trainer for Community Mediation Services and a local leader in the field of conflict resolution, will offer workshops on “paraphrasing” and “empathic listening.” These are communication skills which can be used in any context to convey understanding and caring support to another person and facilitate a mutual sense of “being heard” in an interaction. On January 24 and 31, Anyu Seville will lead workshops on copying sutras or other Buddhist texts and assembling them into a book. Sutra copying is a very ancient Buddhist activity, and while it may seem old-fashioned in light of the availability of texts in the modern day, many still find it to be an important expression of their practice. Some materials will be provided while participants will be expected to bring other materials with them to the workshop. A sign-up sheet with more details will be available shortly on the bulletin board in the front room. Then, on February 7 and 14, Keith Wohlberg, a sangha member in the physical therapy field, will lead workshops on back care, particularly as it relates to meditation—more details to come in the next bulletin!

Looking Ahead

February 12
February 19

Parinirvana Ceremony
Spring Practice Term Opening

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 (No Sunday Program) 3 p.m. New Year's Celebration	2 New Year's Holiday (Temple Closed)	3 New Year's Holiday (Temple Closed)	4 Weekday Schedule (No PM zazen/sanzen)	5 Weekday Schedule (No AM sanzen)	6 Weekday Schedule	7
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29 Children's Program Sunday Schedule 8 a.m. Intro to Zendo 9:00 Service/Zazen 10:20 Dharma	30 Weekday Schedule 4:30-6 p.m. Zazen with Sanzen	31 Weekday Schedule 6 a.m. Sanzen 7 p.m. Zazen and Sutra Book-Making Workshop	<p>Sanzen: Sanzen is an opportunity to meet privately with a teacher for the purpose of studying the Buddha Way. Sanzen is available on a regular basis Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Please come to the zendo between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. and follow the posted instructions. Sanzen is also available during the second period of morning zazen (6:00 a.m.) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Sit at the seats marked "sanzen" next to the door and listen for Ejo's bell.</p>			
<p>Weekday Schedule:</p> <p>5:10 a.m. Zazen 5:50 a.m. Robe verse and kinhin 6:00 a.m. Zazen</p> <p>6:40 a.m. Morning Service 7:25 a.m. Temple Cleaning 7:45 a.m. Orvoki Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Tea 9:00 a.m. Morning Work 11:30 a.m. Informal Lunch</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Afternoon Work (except January 2-13) 4:00 p.m. Evening Service (except January 2-13)</p>						

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