

Board Notes

The next meeting is set for
Sunday, February 8th at 11:30 A.M.

1. **Finalized Board Member Rotation System** - 3 year rotating system. Approximately 2 members a year will be replaced.
2. **Children's Program Update** - All of Alpha and Bren's work acknowledge. Younger children program will be discontinued due to lack of participation. Perhaps to be replaced by childcare option. Older kids going strong. Some younger children will join the "big kid" group.
3. **Financial Update** - In 2008, we spent more than we took in. Various causes were considered. The board will look at financial information over the last 5 years to clarify the situation.
4. **Conflict with Seido** - Ejo asked the board to discuss the circumstances of Seido's leaving with him. Resolved that Ejo will pursue the issue on an individual basis with those concerned.
5. **Ejo's Future as a Priest** - Resolved to form a committee to investigate the long-term development of the temple and Ejo's relationship with that as resident priest.

About the Eugene Zendo - Butsugenji

The Eugene Zendo is a Soto Zen Buddhist temple open to everyone. We are located in a residential neighborhood in West Eugene, Oregon. Activities center around zazen (seated meditation) and include ceremony, chanting, dharma study, discussion and social events.

If you are new to Zen Buddhism, an introductory class is offered at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning before our regular Sunday meeting. For more information, please contact us at:

541-302-4576 butsugenji@eugenezendo.org Website: <http://www.eugenezendo.org>

Submissions to the newsletter can be sent to butsugenji@eugenezendo.org

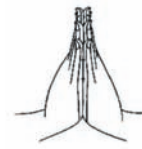
The deadline for submissions is the 15th of every month.

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Begging Bowl

- ♦ Aluminum Saw Horses
- ♦ Crocuses
- ♦ Digging Fork
- ♦ An umbrella for the back door. For Sanzen.



9 Bows of Gratitude

- ♦ Issei for a food mill.
- ♦ Gohaku for new bell strikers.
- ♦ Zak for work on the back bathroom.
- ♦ Evelyn for a double-boiler.
- ♦ Jill for our new website.
- ♦ Kogen for walnuts and hazelnuts.
- ♦ Jill for sanzen shoes.
- ♦ Bill for a new toilet.



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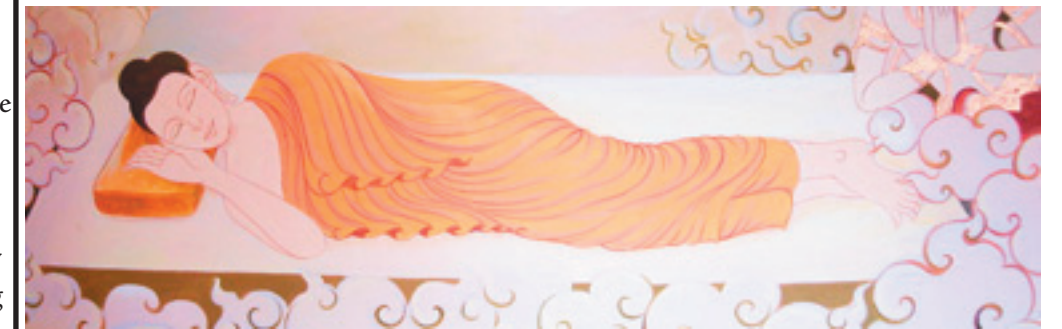
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Announcements

- ♦ **Fusatsu** will occur on Monday, February 9th at 7 PM.
- ♦ **Calligraphy Classes** on Wednesday afternoon at 4 PM are ongoing. Please direct questions to So-en.
- ♦ **Dharma Talk Audio Files Online:** <http://www.eugenezendo.org/mp3/>
- ♦ **Spring Ango** will begin on February 8th. If you're considering participating in Ango, please sign up to speak with Ejo. The Practice Commitment and Ango Student sign-up sheets are available on our website or directly from the zendo. We will be studying the Lotus Sutra using the translation by Geen Reeves, published through Wisdom. Copies will be available for purchase from the zendo.
- ♦ **Zendo Job Positions Open** - We're in need of people who would like to learn how to perform the roles of Jikido (timekeeper) and Jisha (Priest's assistant). If you're interested, please speak with Yoetsu for Jikido and Myobun for Jisha.
- ♦ **Jukai Sesshin** will be held Friday February 20th through Sunday the 22nds. Monica will be receiving the precepts in a ceremony that Sunday.
- ♦ **Upcoming Events** - the "Faces of Islam" slideshow is still being rescheduled, possibly in March. We will also have another slideshow, about Burma, as a fundraiser for Thirst Aid, probably in April. We hope to have more definite information soon.

Parinirvana Assembly



On February 15th, as part of our Sunday morning program, we will hold a ceremony to commemorate the passing into final Nirvana of Shakyamuni Buddha. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Valentine's Day Fundraising Dinner at Tenkan and Evelyn's February 14th at 6 PM

Join us for another wonderful meal expertly prepared by Evelyn at their home. It will feature many delicious dishes, including wine and dessert.

Last year's event was a resounding success and if you didn't make it you'll want to put it on your calendar for this year. Bring friends, family or sweethearts. This is our big winter fundraiser and a great time to socialize and visit with the whole sangha. Attendance is by donation.

Please let us know if you are coming and if others are coming with you by filling out the sign up sheet on the table in front of the window. Thanks! Hope to see you there.

Dana, the first of the Buddhist Paramitas, is the voluntary giving of material, energy or wisdom to others. There are no dues or fees for attendance at the Eugene Zendo's scheduled events. However, we do have expenses and rely on the support of visitors and Sangha Members to help us transmit the Dharma to all beings.

We appreciate your continued generosity.

Dharma Kids

The Eugene Zendo Dharma School meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. The program is open to all youth ages 6 and up. The program schedule is as follows:

- MORNING SERVICE
- 10-MINUTE ZAZEN
- DECORATE THE ALTER
- YOGA
- PROJECTS*
- SANGHA SET-UP

*PROJECTS include (but are not limited too) art, storytelling, juggling, martial arts, nature, etc.. If you would like to share a talent please volunteer on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. We'd love it!

Dharma School is considering adding childcare for young children ages 0-5. If you have any ideas and/or are interested please contact Bren.

For Dharma School questions, comments and ideas, please contact: Brenk@comcast.net -or- (541)743-3583.



An Irish poet glimpses emptiness:

O chestnut-tree, great-rooted blossomer,
Are you the the leaf, the blossom or the bole?
O body swayed to music, O brightening glance,
How can we know the dancer from the dance?

Among School Children

W. B. Yeats, 1928

Tea Tasting at the Zendo

Josh Chamberlain, the owner of J-Tea International located at 2778 Friendly Street, will be doing a tea tasting on February 15th after the Sunday morning program. If you know interested people, please invite them to arrive around 11:15 AM. You can find more information about J-Tea at jteainternational.com or by dropping by the store, across from Friendly Street Market.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 am Intro to Zazen 9:00 am Service /Zazen Dharma Talk	2 Morning Schedule 7:30 - 8:15 PM Evening Zazen	3 Morning Schedule 7:00 pm Service/Zazen Heart Sutra Class	4 Morning Schedule 7:30 - 8:15 PM Evening Zazen	5 Morning Schedule	6 Morning Schedule	7
8 8:00 am Intro to Zazen 9:00 am Service /Zazen Ango Opening	9 Morning Schedule 7:30 - 8:15 PM Evening Zazen	10 Morning Schedule 7:00 pm Service/Zazen Double Sit w/ Sanzen	11 Morning Schedule 7:30 - 8:15 PM Evening Zazen	12 Morning Schedule 7:00 PM Ango Student Activities	13 Morning Schedule	14 Dinner at Tenkan's 6 PM
15 8:00 am Intro to Zazen 9:00 am Service /Zazen Parinirvana Assembly 11:15 AM Tea Tasting	16 Morning Schedule 7:30 - 8:15 PM Evening Zazen	17 Morning Schedule 7:00 pm Service/Zazen Lotus Sutra Class	18 Morning Schedule 7:30 - 8:15 PM Evening Zazen	19 Morning Schedule 7:00 PM Ango Student Activities	20 -----> Jukai Sesshin Begins 5:10 AM	21 -----> Jukai Sesshin
22 Jukai Sesshin Ends -- 8:00 am Intro to Zazen 9:00 am Service /Zazen Jukai Ceremony	23 Morning Schedule 7:30 - 8:15 PM Evening Zazen	24 Morning Schedule 7:00 pm Service/Zazen Lotus Sutra Class	25 Morning Schedule 7:30 - 8:15 PM Evening Zazen	26 Morning Schedule 7:00 PM Ango Student Activities	27 Morning Schedule	28
	Morning Schedule 5:10 am - Zazen 5:50 am - Kimhin 6:00 am - Zazen 6:40 am - Service 7:10 am - Cleaning 7:30 am - Breakfast					