



Gay Buddhist Fellowship

Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 1997

GBF Calendar

Call 415/974-9878 for news about GBF events. To skip the recording and leave a message, press 5.

2 Sept., Steering Committee Meeting at the home of Larry White,

4 Sept., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm: meditation, at the home of Bill Kirkpatrick,

5-7 Sept., GBF Annual Retreat (Vajraprani Institute).

7 Sept., Sunday Sitting (East Bay), 10:30 am, at the home of Geoff McEnany

8 Sept., Monday Sitting (Sonoma) 7:30 pm, at the home of Avery

11 Sept., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm: meditation, at the home of Lee Robbins

14 Sept., Sunday Sitting (SF), Dharma Talk, "Creating Lasting Happiness" (See article page 1), 10:30am, SFBC, 37 Bartlett St.

15 Sept. Monday Sitting, 7:30 pm. Call for location, Avery

18 Sept., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm at

"Creating Lasting Happiness" - September's Dharma Talk

Our speaker on September 14th will be the Venerable K.T. Shedrup Gyatso, spiritual director of the San Jose Tibetan Temple. Tipton, as he is known by his friends, is a fully ordained, openly gay, celibate, Buddhist monk. He is a disciple of Kama Tharchin and Penor Rimpoche, and a student of both the Nyingma and Kygu Schools of Tibetan Buddhism. He will be visiting us at the end of a long speaking tour of Canada and the United States. His topic will be "Creating Lasting Happiness."

Tipton has a fascinating personal history. Before he became a Buddhist, he was a Christian Pentecostal minister. He also has a long history of queer activism, and was the founder of Queer Nation San Jose. More recently, he was a member of the gay and lesbian delegation which met with the Dalai Lama in June.

Poetry Night in Sept.

Poetry can reveal our deepest feelings or express our craziest delusions. Our Ginsberg Night in June was enjoyed by all. GBF invites you to a second relaxed evening of good company, and the opportunity to share your thoughts in verse—sacred or profane, sober or fun, penned by yourself or a favorite poet. Please bring your own choice of drink and light food to share. The "happening" will be on Friday, September 26, from 8:00p.m. till 11:00 p.m. at the home of Michael Collins,

GBF—Sonoma Chapter Start-Up

For those of us in San Francisco who can arrive at GBF events after a short ride in the car or a convenient bus ride, there is a little awe associated with gay Buddhist who make it to events from the Peninsula, the East Bay or from the North.

In the past, we welcomed the start of a East Bay sitting group and now we are pleased to announce the beginning of a gay men's sitting group in Sonoma. Especially for those who would like a weekly evening group to practice with, a more local location is often essential. Of course we hope to still see our Dharma friends from the East Bay and Sonoma at our Sunday sittings and at special events/parties.

The group will meet on Mondays starting September 8th at 7:30 p.m.



Web Site Installed

A new www site is now in operation. We are in the process of upgrading and adding material. Anyone who can help us with this task, please contact us. Our site address is:

<http://www.planereria.net/home/abaki/gbf.default.html>

