



Gay Buddhist Fellowship

Newsletter

NOVEMBER 1997

GBF Calendar

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San Francisco Events

4 Nov., Steering Committee Meeting 7:15 pm, at the home of Larry White,

6 Nov., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm: meditation, at the home of Bill Kirkpatrick,

9 Nov., Sunday Sitting 9:30/10:30 am SFBC, 37 Bartlett St. Speaker: Dashin David Sunseri. see articles on page 1.

13 Nov., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm: meditation, at the home of Lee Robbins,

15 Nov., GBF's Feed-The-Homeless Project at the Hamilton Family center. To participate, contact Clint Seiter,

16 Nov., Sunday Sitting, 9:30/10:30 am SFBC, 37 Bartlett St., see article page 1.

20 Nov., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm at the home of Mark Marion,

23 & 30 Nov. Sunday Sitting, 9:30/10:30 am SFBC 37 Bartlett St., see article page 1

27 Nov. Thanksgiving, see announcement, page 2

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GBF: 4 Sunday Sittings Starting in November

The health and well-being of the GBF Sangha depends upon a number of interrelated factors: the strength and diversity of our individual traditions and practices, the friendships we have developed with each other over the years, and perhaps most importantly the time we spend together in the deep silence of meditation or quietly sharing the Dharma of our daily lives.

For the months of November and December, GBF is trying out an expanded and extended Sunday program—expanded in the sense that we will be meeting *every* Sunday (beginning Nov. 9) and extended in that we will have an optional early half hour period of sitting meditation and a short (fifteen minute) walking meditation beginning at 9:30 a.m. before our usual 10:30 a.m. starting time.

Our hope is that by going to a weekly Sunday format and an extended meditation schedule we will add an element of consistency to our Sangha's practice. If it seems to be catching on, we will continue this schedule into the new year.

The meeting dates for November and December are as follows:

November 9, 16, 23, and 30
December 7, 14, 21, and 28

The Sunday morning schedule for these dates:

09:15—09:25 Arrive to help set up
09:30—10:00 Sitting meditation
10:00—10:15 Walking meditation
10:30—11:00 Sitting meditation
11:00—11:10 Break
11:10—12:00 Dharma Talk / Discussion
12:00—12:45 Tea ♦

"Teachers, Our Spiritual Friends" November Talk

At the November 9th Sunday Sitting, we welcome back Daishin David Sunseri as our speaker. Daishin is a Zen monk in the Soto tradition of Shunryu Suzuki Roshi, and is a disciple of Issan Dorsey Roshi. He has practiced in the gay Buddhist community for the past 13 years, has done hospice care for 20 years, and is currently working with Buddhist practitioners who have been sexually abused as children.

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American Academy of Religion Meets in San Francisco in November

Roger Corless informs us that the AAR, the largest professional society of academics in Religious Studies, will be meeting at the Hilton Hotel from November 22-25. The Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group is sponsoring two sessions, one of them on Buddhism and Homosexuality (Session A170) on Monday the 24th 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Parc Fifty-five, Parc Ballroom I. A person with imagination could probably get in to hear the session. Roger will be on the panel. ♦

