



Gay Buddhist Fellowship

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GBF Calendar

3 Aug., Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the home of John Krowka,

7 Aug., Newsletter Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mark Picciano.

13 Aug., Sunday Meeting, 10:30 am, 273 Page Street, SF. Speaker TBA.

14, 22 Aug., Buddha and Boundaries Workshop. Preregistration required.

27 Aug. GBF Picnic, Tilden Park. Meet 10:30 a.m. at Zen Hospice, 273 Page St., San Francisco. Info: Clint Seiter. The picnic is in lieu of the usual Sunday sitting.

Late Aug., G/L Buddhist Anthology Meeting. Info: Daishin David Sunseri, or John Krowka,

10 Sept., Sunday Meeting, 10:30 am, 273 Page Street, SF. Speaker TBA.

11 Sept., Newsletter Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mark Picciano,

24 Sept., Sunday Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 273 Page Street, SF.

GBF to Consider Publishing G/L Buddhist Anthology

In late August there will be an exploratory meeting in San Francisco of persons interested in compiling and publishing an anthology that gives voice to the experiences of gay and lesbian Buddhists. If this idea interests you, please call Daishin David Sunseri or John Krowka for meeting time and location. ♡

"Buddha and Boundaries" Workshop Scheduled for August 14, 21

Basic Buddhist teaching emphasizes seeing beyond the dualism of Western culture, beyond the boundaries of right/wrong, this/that, and me/you.

Dualism encourages the ego to separate itself from the moment-to-moment experience, often leading us away from the immediate moment to the past or the future. In that sense of separation from ourselves and our lives lies a powerlessness that prevents us from realizing our true potential. We build boundaries (and others help us), and then wonder why we feel cut off and ineffective.

If we recognize the boundaries we have created, we can build bridges over them. Then we are more likely to perceive the universe as being "radically open" and view all things as possible—or at least a lot more possible than we previously thought.

As background for our discussion, the workshop will use notes taken at workshops given by three leaders in the human potential movement: Dr. Leland Kaiser ("Beyond Boundaries"), Dr. Deepak Chopra ("Body, Mind, and Soul: The Mystery and Magic"), and Dr. Jennifer James ("All You Need for a New Universe is a New Mind").

The messages of these three experts about the nature of the world and its potential for each of us are remarkably similar to one another, and also to what the Buddha taught about dualism. Our discussion will attempt to find the common patterns from each of these experts and from Buddhist teachings, and relate them to our lives.

The workshop will meet on two consecutive Mondays, August 14 and 21, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the home of Alan Oliver. Space is limited. To regis-

ter, call the GBF voicemail line, 415/974-9878. A \$10.00 donation is requested for the two sessions to help pay for copying costs and to raise funds for GBF.

If you cannot attend but would like copies of the three sets of notes, send \$5 along with a note to GBF, and we will send them to you. An article based on the workshop discussions will also appear in the GBF newsletter this fall. ♡

GBF Hosts Picnic in Tilden Park



On Sunday, August 27, GBF will host a potluck picnic in Tilden Park in lieu of the regular meditation and discussion at the Page Street Hospice. The picnic will be held at the Lake View Site, located on Wildcat Canyon Road.

This gathering of the Gay Buddhist tribe will provide GBFers a chance to socialize and relax in a natural setting away from the city. Anyone needing a ride can carpool with drivers who will be at the Zen Hospice on 273 Page Street at 10:30 a.m. Carpooling is encouraged.

To help defray the expense of renting the site, a \$5.00 donation is requested. However, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. For further information, call Clint Seiter ♡

Thanks to...

GBF would like to take this opportunity to thank Maurice Dockrell, who has served as our capable, reliable database manager for over four years, and Ron Ginsberg, who has prepared the Local Dharma calendar for the past several months.

