



# Gay Buddhist Fellowship

## Newsletter

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### GBF Calendar

GBF's 24-hour hotline: 415/974-9878. Call for info. about GBF and a listing of GBF-sponsored events. To skip the recording and leave a message, press 5.

5 Dec. (Tue.), Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., at the home of John Krowka,

7 Dec., Thursday Sitting, 8 pm, at the home of Alan Oliver,

9 Dec. (Sat.), Monthly Potluck, 7 pm, at the home of John Krowka

10 Dec., Sunday Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 273 Page St., SF. Informal panel, with discussion to follow, on dealing with HIV from the perspective of the Buddhist teachings.

10 Dec. (Sun.), News/Calendar/Classifieds Deadline for GBF Newsletter.

14 Dec. Thursday Sitting, 8 pm, at the home of Lee Robbins,

21 Dec., Thursday Sitting, 8 pm, at the home of Mark Marion

24 Dec., Sunday Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 273 Page St., SF. Open discussion. ♡

28 Dec., Thursday Sitting, call David Holmes for location



### GBF Member Brian LeFevre Dies

by George Gayuski

*[Editor's Note: Brian was on the GBF Steering Committee for a year and a half. He facilitated the Sunday morning meetings, and made a great contribution to our sangha. We are thankful for his practice and the time he shared with us.]*

Brian LeFevre passed away at home on October 29, 1995, from cancer. Several friends and his sister were with him. Brian had a wide network of friends who looked after him regularly during his last months. Brian's sister, Kathy, took devoted and wonderful care of Brian and made the last months of his life especially filled with love.

Brian discovered Taoism and Buddhism in his early twenties, and almost immediately moved to San Francisco to begin practice at Zen Center. Shortly thereafter, he found himself at Tassajara for three-and-a-half years of Zen training. After a period of time back in San Francisco, Brian went to live in Barcelona where he taught for many years. It was in Spain that he met Josep, his life's love.

Although Brian was in some ways a private person, he was also often animated. He would frequently express his perspective in surprisingly bold terms. (He surprised many a Zen student!) Brian was a remarkably intelligent man. He could discuss any number of subjects knowledgeably.

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### Buddhist Practice and HIV Disease is Topic of Sunday Meeting

At the Sunday morning meeting on December 10, we will have a discussion about dealing with HIV from the perspective of the Buddhist teachings. What did the Buddha say about sickness and death, and how can we cope with this disease in our own lives, and those of our partners, friends, and family?

We hope to have present at the meeting an informal "panel of experts" who will first share their views with us. Then we'll open up the discussion so everyone can participate. Please join us for what promises to be an informative and supportive gathering. ♡



### Coming in January...

An article by Alan Oliver on the "Buddha and Boundaries" workshop that was originally scheduled for this issue of the GBF Newsletter will appear in the January issue. We also hope to have a surprise feature article.

