



# Gay Buddhist Fellowship

## Newsletter

January 1997

### GBF Calendar

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

**2 Jan., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm,** at the home of Bill Kirkpatrick,

**5 Jan., Sunday Sitting (East Bay), 10:30 am,** at the home of Geoff McEnany,

**7 Jan. (Tuesday), Steering Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm,** at the home of Larry White,

All are welcome.

**9 Jan., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm,** at the home of Lee Robbins,

**10 Jan., News Deadline for next GBF Newsletter.** Send all articles to Peter Eggenberger, Co-Editor, GBF Newsletter,

**12 Jan., Sunday Sitting (SF), 10:30 a.m., 273 Page St.** Alan Senauke, national coordinator of the Buddhist Peace Fellowship, will speak on "Meditation and Engagement With the World."

**16 Jan., Thursday Sitting, 7:45 pm,** at the home of Mark Marion,

**18 Jan. (Saturday), GBF's Feed-The-Homeless Project at Hamilton Family Center.** To participate, contact Clint Seiter,

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### Alan Senauke of Buddhist Peace Fellowship to Speak

Our speaker for January is Alan Senauke, national coordinator of the Buddhist Peace Fellowship. His subject will be, "Meditation and Engagement With the World." Alan is the resident priest at the Berkeley Zen Center, where he lives with his wife and two children.

The Buddhist Peace Fellowship's mission is twofold: 1) to bring an awareness of social engagement into the dharma communities, and 2) to bring Buddhist principles to the peace movement at large. BPF is an international organization with more than 4,000 members, and has been active since 1978. ♡

### Newsletter Renewals Due Jan. 15

We know how much you look forward to each and every issue of the *GBF Newsletter* because you've told us so. To be sure you don't miss a single issue, you must return your subscription renewal form along with a check for \$15 payable to GBF by January 15. The form is on page seven of the December newsletter. If we don't hear from you by then, your name will be dropped from our mailing list. ♡

### Thanks...

Thanks to Peter Goetz for having served on the Steering Committee during 1996. ♡

### In Brief

#### The Sangha Urgently Needs...

There are several jobs that are in immediate need of willing volunteers. If you can help, please call the GBF line at 415/974-9878, press 5, and leave your message:

- newsletter co-editor (you'd like the newsletter to keep coming, wouldn't you?)
- recording equipment operator to tape Sunday talks
- transcribers of Sunday talk tapes ♡

#### Dharma Dinner Parties Resume in Jan.

Beginning in January, GBF will resume holding dharma dinner parties on the last Saturday of the month at 7:00 pm. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy good food and fun conversation in the company of other GBFers. The parties will be held at 791 29th Avenue (at Cabrillo). If you have any questions, please call Jeff

#### Writings From Prison

GBF hears frequently from gay Buddhist practitioners who are in prison, and a number of these men are also members of GBF and receive our newsletter. We thought it was time to ask our gay brothers who are in prison if they would be willing to share with the larger GBF community some of their experiences as gay men trying to practice in prison.

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