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April saw the rainy season give way to some sunshine as there has been a greening everywhere. Our new garden is welcoming the sunshine and the hummingbird feeder has been put up. We have finished with the felling of trees for this year. Now planting and general clean-up are in progress. Work on the chicken coop and a new wood shed continues. We've fortunately had the help of Alex Platt who stayed a week with us while the Shasta Abbey community was on spring retreat.

We had a brief visit from Rev. Master Daishin Yalon and Rev. Enya Sapp of Shasta Abbey. Rev. Master Oswin was also joined for tea one morning by Rev. Ejo of the Eugene Zendo.

Rev. Alethea returned from Shasta Abbey and the Compassionate Friend Hermitage on April 9. While she was away, she attended the ordination of Rev. Dilys Cromack, Rev. Master Meian's second monastic disciple.

One of our congregation members, Myron Cook, became ill at the end of March and has had several visits to hospital and doctors' offices. He was in a rehabilitation facility for a couple of weeks and returned home in late April, feeling much better. The lay Sangha has been fabulous in responding to his needs and has provided in-home care, communication with doctors and family, transportation, cat care and general support and merit. We wish to thank everyone who has helped in all these and other ways. Special thanks are offered to Ernie and Bev for their roles in coordinating care. This example of how the Sangha helps each other points to how we are a refuge in daily life.

Rev. Master Oswin went to Roseburg on April 23 to visit a man with ALS who asked to speak with a priest. On April 26<sup>th</sup>, he gave him the Precepts and the religious name, Koshin, meaning "bright heart." Dan and his wife Wendy kindly gave the temple two weeping willows and one Chinese elm from Dan's collection of backyard bonsai trees as a gift of gratitude. We hope to arrange a weekly visit.

Colette Hestbeck and her husband Jim from Eureka, California, visited on Friday, April 29. They are looking forward to relocating to Roseburg after the school year. We hope we will see them often.

Sky Duarte and Baronica Izaguirre will be married Saturday, April 30 at the Catholic Newman Center near the University. Rev. Master Oswin will be participating in the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Alethea and Ernie Rimerman. We pray that “their every action shall increase their respect for life so that the merits of their relationship shall glorify all living things” (from our Order wedding liturgy).

Dixie Feiner is the lay sangha care coordinator for May, 541-683-9157.

**Ongoing Schedule. Weekdays:**

**Mornings:** **Wednesday** 7:30-8:45am Meditation & short morning service

**Thursday** 7:30-9:15am Meditation & full morning service

**Friday** 7:30-9:15am Meditation & Avalokiteshwara morning service

**Evenings:** **Tuesday, Thursday & Friday** Meditation & vespers @ 8:00pm.

**Wednesday** activity: 7-9pm.

**Weekend Calendar:** *(Usual Sunday Schedule: 9:30am meditation; 10:15*

*Service or other activity; 11:00am Dharma talk; 12 noon end.)*

**Saturday, April 30–**

**Sunday, May 1** – Members meeting (usual Sunday schedule)

**Saturday, May 7** – Orientation for newcomers 8:45-11:30am.

**Sunday, May 8** – Nine Lessons & Carols for Wesak (usual Sunday schedule)

**Saturday, May 14** – 9:30 meditation, 10:00 short morning service

**Sunday, May 15** – 9:30 meditation, 10:15 Celebration of Wesak (Festival of Buddha’s Birth, Enlightenment, Parinirvana & Teaching), Dharma talk, Potluck. This the beginning of the Buddhist New Year and the most joyous of all our festivals. Please feel free to invite family and friends. If you’re bringing children, kindly let us know ahead.

**Saturday, May 21** – Meditation Day: 10am-4pm meditations on the hour; come as you wish, bring a sack lunch.

**Sunday, May 22** – Retreat morning begins at 6:30 (usual Sunday schedule, too)

**Saturday, May 28** – Working meditation day 10:30am-4:30pm outdoor forest & garden work, furniture painting, indoor projects, too (bring sack lunch & food to share)

**Sunday, May 29** – Memorial Day Ceremony— for all those killed in war and political violence (usual Sunday schedule— call with name(s) to be remembered if you can’t attend.

**Saturday, June 4** – Orientation for newcomers 8:45-11:30am (runs concurrently with retreat).

**Introductory retreat** 9:30am-4:00pm. Please call for reservation. Bring a vege-

tarian sack lunch. (Saturday June 4, continued)

**Sunday, June 5** – **Reading of the Precepts & Renewal of Vows** – usual Sun. schedule

**Saturday, June 11** – Meditation Day: 10am-4pm come join us for meditations on the hour; bring a sack lunch if you're staying the day.

**Sunday, June 12** – **Retreat morning begins at 6:30** (usual Sunday schedule, too)

For retreat morning, bring granola &/or fruit contribution for breakfast, and sack lunch & food to share if you wish to stay for the noon meal.

**Saturday, June 18** – 9:30 meditation, 10:00 short morning service; workday 10:30am-4:30pm

**Sunday, June 19** – Avalokiteshwara (Great Compassion) Festival – usual Sunday schedule

**Saturday, June 25** – 9:30 meditation, 10:00 short morning service (tentative)

**Sunday, June 26** – TBA (to be announced)

**In gratitude.** Thank you to all who continue to provide the temple with all its various needs. Recent donations included: milk, chocolates, a variety of fruits & vegetables, pasta, ravioli, macaroni & minestrone, tomato sauce, mushrooms, juice, canned vegetables, canola oil, cheese, rice & quinoa, lentils & beans, salsa, granola & dry cereals, tofu & tempeh, prepared dishes & meals, frozen entrees, soup, vegetable broth, molasses, bread & dinner rolls, yogurt (dairy & soy), *Field Roast*, peanut butter, powdered breakfasts, oatmeal, cornmeal, & flour, muffin & other mixes, PAM, nuts, cranberry sauce, sparkling water, quiches, cakes, pie, cookies & scones, edible seaweed, tapioca, nutritional yeast, pickle relish, *udon* noodles, chili, peppermint tea, trail mix, hard-boiled eggs, fruit salad, walnuts, raisins, cinnamon rolls, herbal coffee, protein drinks & bars, toilet soap, pain ointment, prescriptions & supplements, books, castile soap, spray disinfectant, a heavy-duty shovel, an air purifier, an office computer program, a chainsaw, a folding music stand, the long-term use of a trailer, and cleaning, shopping, errands, dump runs & other transportation. The temple exists as an expression of your generosity and kindness—thank you!

**Alms Bowl.** Food items we could use include sunflower seeds, onion powder, vegetables, soy yoghurt, non-dairy cheese, jam, and aspirin.

A poem from a member (articles & writings are welcome contributions to the newsletter):

The Way takes courage  
Feathers cannot temper steel  
Buddha is a choice

**May you and all beings be free from suffering and its causes, realize the True Mind quickly, and live in peace and harmony with others. In gasshō.**