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July & August News: July began cool and rainy as our unusually cool summer continued. This did not dampen our sprints or rain out our services and activities. In fact, it was a very full month.

The most notable event in July was that congregation member David Wagar had a massive stroke from which he died. He had recently moved out of the area but was here just briefly on business. We received news of his stroke and hospitalization at Riverbend on Saturday, July 23, and Rev. Master Oswin visited him and the family twice during the next week. David died on the evening of July 26 and Rev. Master Oswin, John and Doug Carnine went to the hospital to perform the ceremony of washing the body and the private funeral. We held the public funeral on Sunday. Congregation, family, and nearly 30 of David's friends attended, and many stayed for a tea of remembrance afterwards. It was helpful for Dave's ex-wife Barbara and his two 17-year old children to hear how much Dave was loved by all who knew him.

Rev. Master Oswin and Rev. Alethea also presided over cremation services for Lois and Dale Canaday on July 14 and 28. Lois and Dale were a couple from Springfield who, after being married 65 years, died within two weeks of each other. Lois and Dale's son, Daniel, and Daniel's wife, Dinh, had contacted us to request the services. Rev. Alethea also offered prayers at the elder Canadays' funeral & burial service at Springfield Memorial Gardens on Tuesday, August 2. We were glad to be able to help these new friends, who live in San Jose, California and attend Duc Vien (Vietnamese) temple. Rev. Alethea had helped offer a children's retreat last summer at their temple last summer. We look forward to seeing them again some time.

While Rev. Oswin was taking a week of rest & renewal on the McKenzie River, Rev. Alethea offered a Dharma talk on karma on Sunday, July 10. Rev. Master Oswin returned that day, following news that congregation member Myron Cook had been hospitalized. John drove up to get Rev. Oswin and they visited Myron on their re-

turn trip. Activities in July also included working toward fundraising for our monastic medical fund. Pie-making for the October Open House began on the July 1 with lovely donated strawberries. We have had generous donations of fruit, flour and shortening for the pie project and congregation members are being contacted to make some as well. The priory kitchen is available to anyone who would like to come and help make pies here.

It rained all day on Saturday, the 17th as we dedicated our workday to preparation for the yard sale, scheduled for the following weekend. It continued to be cool and damp all week, right up to the morning of the 22th, the beginning of the yard sale. It then warmed up and stayed warm and sunny for the three days of the sale. Although we were saddened by the news of David's stroke, which came in the middle of the sale, everything went well. Thanks are given to all who participated in any way to make the sale a great success, and a special thanks to Linda Pierce who hosted the sale at her home. Those who participated also enjoyed the opportunity to train together outside the temple.

Visitors. Rev. Master Mugo, our Order's lay ministry advisor, and Kai Wang visited from July 5 to July 7. On the evening of the 6th, Rev. Master Mugo talked with the congregation about balance and stability in our Order of Buddhist Contemplatives. Rev. Master Seikai of Pine Mountain Temple in California, visited from Friday, August 12 to Monday, August 15, while on a family visit. We appreciated having his participation in our Kshtigarbha Bodhisattva Festival on Sunday and his insightful comments on practice related to Kshtigarbha during the Dharma talk following.

Travels. Rev. Master Oswin, Ernie Rimerman & Mary Morrison attended Rev. Master Jisho's Shurangama Sutra retreat at Shasta Abbey August 22-28. Seattle friend Matt Spencer kindly drove everyone down and spent the night at the Priory both on the way down and on the return trip. The group found the Dharma talks inspiring and a good incentive to put our wholehearted effort into our meditation practice.

AUTUMN ONGOING SCHEDULE

Weekend Calendar: (Usual Sunday Schedule: 9:30am meditation; 10:15 Service or other activity; 11:00am Dharma talk; end at 12 noon.)

Saturday, September 3 – 9:30 meditation, 10:00 Shurangama Ceremony

Sunday, September 4 – Reading of the Precepts & Renewal of Vows – usual Sun. schedule

Saturday, September 10– Orientation for newcomers 8:45-11:30am.

Sunday, September 11 – Retreat morning, usu. Sunday schedule

Saturday, September 17 – 9:30 meditation, 10:00 short morning service; Workday 10:30—5:00

Sunday, September 18 – Festival of Great Master Dogen, Japanese Soto Zen founder—usual Sun. schedule

Saturday, September 24 – Meditation day 10:00am to 4:00pm 40 minute periods; join the meditation as you wish & enter the meditation hall on the hour; bring a sack lunch if staying the day.

Sunday, September 25 – Meditation & morning service; Dharma talk

Saturday, October 1 – Orientation for newcomers 8:45-11:30am; work party (time TBA)

Saturday, October 2— Bodhidharma Festival: usual Sunday schedule

Saturday, October 8 – meditation & short morning service; work day for Open House till 5pm

Sunday October 9: Open House 12:00 noon—5:00pm Purpose is to raise money for monastic medical fund. Rev. Master Oswin and Rev. Alethea will offer iconography tours of the meditation hall on the hour (1:00, 2:00, etc.), and we will also offer a bake sale of home-made pies and a silent auction of items that congregation members & local businesses contribute

Saturday, October 15 – 9:30 meditation, 10:00 short morning service

Sunday, October 16 – 9: 30 meditation, service (TBA), Dharma talk – usual Sunday

Saturday, October 22 – Meditation day: 10am-4pm come join us for meditations on the hour; bring a sack lunch if you're staying the day.

Sunday, October 23 – Silent 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. Come any time; no Dharma talk.

Saturday, October 29 – 9:30 meditation, 10:00 short morning service; workday till 5pm.

Sunday, October 30 – Feeding the Hungry Ghosts (Segaki) – usual Sun. schedule

Saturday, November 5—Meditation day: 10am-4pm come join us for meditations on the hour; bring a sack lunch if you're staying the day.

Sunday, November 6 – Founders Day—usual Sun. schedule & potluck

Weekdays—note autumn time change in morning meditation—now at 7:30am.

Mornings:

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

Thursday 7:30-8:45am Meditation & full morning service

Friday 7:30-8:45am Meditation & Avalokiteshwara morning service

Evenings:

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

Wednesday meditation & discussion group 7-9pm.

Future travels: Rev. Master Oswin & Rev. Alethea will be traveling to Throssel Hole Buddhist Abbey in England for most of September—**September 9 through October 6**. Our Order of Buddhist Contemplatives, the larger lineage family to which all our temples & monks belong, will be working at a Rules Conclave to complete the efforts made last September at Shasta Abbey when various other matters needed addressing. John will be tending the priory and lay ministers will be covering usual sangha activities. Any help folks can offer preparing the temple for the Open House would be much appreciated.

In gratitude. The temple exists as an expression of your generosity and kindness. With sincere bows we say thank you, especially to those who helped with the yard sale, which earned \$2,000 toward our monastic medical fund, and outside work for John. Many of you made other offerings these last two months. Acts of service included cleaning, running errands, shopping, bookkeeping, proofing, transportation, and many other kind acts that you do for the sake of the Dharma. Some of the donated items included clothespins, glue, strawberries, raisins, margarine, bananas, oranges, raisins, pudding mix, chocolate almonds, pastry flour, fruit, vegetables, tempeh, tofu, bread, granola, seeds, napkins, toilet paper, soy milk, tea, pepper, milk, soda water, ice cream, yoghurt, orchids, potatoes, wool shawl, picture frames, toaster oven, garden hose, extension cord, supplements, prescriptions, protein drinks, key lime pie, wood stove irons, rolls, pecans, cheese, prepared meals, apple sauce, yams, edible seaweed, masking tape, *Deer Alert* sirens for the priory car, and decorative metal *Jolly Garden Frogs* left over from the yard sale (available at the temple if you are interested in purchasing one).

Alms Bowl. Priory cat Charlotte is probably dying, although she pulled through a similar infection last year. Any merit would be appreciated. You may also wish to offer merit for Myron Cook, who is receiving chemotherapy for lymphoma and is moving into a new home, and for Linda Carnine, who was recently injured in a bicycle accident.

In gassho.