



MESSAGE FROM THE BOTP GUIDING CIRCLE

July 2017

We were very happy to welcome JoAnn King into our Guiding Circle at our Circle meeting in June. She was a regular participant at the Wednesday sit at PCC and brings to the Board her organizational skills and her devotion to the Dharma.

Our move to Ocean Gate Zen Center on 41st Ave. went smoothly and we are grateful to be able to share such a pleasing and peaceful environment. Thank you Shinshu and Jaku. The Wednesday classes (as well as all other classes both in Felton and Capitola) have been quite successful. The Thursday evening drop-in sit is slowly getting off the ground and we'd like to encourage all to attend whenever possible.

At this time BOTP finds itself fiscally sound and we are so grateful to be able to provide our full-time guiding teacher Carla with a steady income. Those of us who attended the Intersangha Retreat at Spirit Rock in April found out that this is a rare instance, especially with small sanghas. THANK YOU ALL FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE!!

Our Community Service Committee welcomed two new members recently, Charlotte Bridenbaugh and Robin Sale. Along with Val Nelson and Nancy Noel they have been quite productive setting up a donation program to supply the Oaxacan Farmworkers families with basic goods (visit www.farmworkerfamily.org for more info.) You can join others to attend a "Reality Farmworker Camp Tour" to get more familiar with what the life of migrant farmworkers is like. To sign up go to the Center for Farmworker Families website above and pick one of the dates the tours are offered.

Carla will teach on some Thursdays and Monday nights over the summer and will be offering two daylong outdoor retreats and a 5-night residential retreat. Several guest teachers will also be teaching including G Schulz, Lisa Dale Miller and Nicola Amadora. Some exciting peer-led sessions will be held both in Capitola and Felton during July and August. Classes with Carla on Wednesdays and Mondays will resume in September. Please check the schedule in the current newsletter or on the BOTP website.

Lastly, a reminder to everyone in our sangha that dharma teachings are always offered on a voluntary dana basis. Lack of funds should never be a deterrent to attending a class, a sit or a retreat (check the scholarship fund for those.)

We express our deep gratitude to all of you who have been BOTP participants and wish you a great summer.

With Metta,

Isabelle Rosenlund, Chair, and the BOTP Guiding Circle (Holly Thomas, Laura Marini, Martin Carver, JoAnn King, Carla Brennan)