



Water Wheel

Being one with all Buddhas, I turn the water wheel of compassion.
—Gate of Sweet Nectar

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Appreciating the Sangha Jewels

By Wendy Egyoku Nakao

During these beautiful summer days at Normandie Mountain, we pause, as we do every two years, to appreciate the sangha jewels—you! As we immerse ourselves in the life of The Three Treasures of Buddha, Dharma, Sangha, each of us discovers that it is me—yes, me!—that is the treasure. It is not that we need to contort ourselves into an idea of what the treasure is, but rather that you, as you are, and your life, as it is, is the treasure itself, a jewel like no other.

In Zen, this One life—your life—is appreciated as three: the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha. In the Day of Reflection, we take refuge in the Buddha as Oneness, the awakened nature of all things; in the Dharma as Diversity, the ocean of wisdom and compassion; and in the Sangha as Harmony, the interdependence of all creations.

Simply put, we can say that Sangha harmony is the intermingling of Oneness and Differences. Here we all are as one body and, at the same time, each person is uniquely different from everyone else. We are not practicing to become all alike; nor are we trying to shape ourselves into false notions of perfection or buddha. No! Each one of you, with all of your warts and beauty, is called forth to take your seat as You.

This is a noble journey, this right-here-now path of spiritual maturity as The Three Treasures. Over the past years, we—alone together—have been companions on the Way. It is from our very mouths, hands, and toes that the buddhas and ancestors come forth to co-create the Sangha at Normandie Mountain.



Normandie Mountain's garden Kanzeon in summer dress.

This year, as we pause to appreciate each other and ourselves, we give special mention to six Sangha bodhisattvas, whose contributions have been “above and beyond,” not a small thing considering how much everyone gives. (Please note that those who have previously been honored in this way were not eligible this year.) And we will honor four Sangha Guardians, each over 70 years of age, whose combined service to the Sangha totals close to a hundred years!

I extend my deepest gratitude to you for sharing this incredible yet ordinary journey. From zazen's still point of radical attention radiates the vibrant aliveness of living awake and whole in service of all life. Just keep going! ■

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Roshi Egyoku is the Abbot and Head Teacher of ZCLA.

SANGHA BODHISATTVAS

Five individuals stand out in the Sangha as having made exceptional contributions in time and effort through Shared Stewardship to the well-being of the Center. They have all contributed time and talent, and financially and materially "above and beyond." We express our deep appreciation for their contributions.

JEANNE DOKAI DICKENSON

Dokai seeks to discover and incorporate a large frame of reference in which to see what is and to bring many aspects and points of view together. As Programs/Development Director, Dokai stewards the coordinating of the interfacing of people and programs, as manifested in her role as editor of the WaterWheel. She is the emeritus steward of the Program Circle, a founding member of the Executive Circle, a current member of the Fundraising Group and the Curriculum Circle, and charter member of Shared Stewardship to mention some of her commitments. She is an exemplar in her devotion to practice and enriches us in ways that go far above and beyond.

PATTI MUSO GIGGANS

Over the past four years, the Center has improved significantly its financial stability with Muso's fundraising acumen. As a member of the Board of Directors, the chair of the Fundraising Committee, and a member of its revenue task Force, she has spearheaded the first Capital Campaign and three other major fundraising appeals, including the creation of the Dharma Training Fund. She mentors our Sangha in financial envisioning and implementation. She has also offered us workshops in self defense. Last year, she won the California Peace Prize for her work as Director of the Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women. Her feedback is far-thinking, original, and fun.

GARY KOAN JANKA

As Co-President of the Board, part of the Revenue Task Force, the Endowment Committee, and the Fundraising Committee, Koan has a lot to say and do about the Center's financial health. Along with Sensei Nagacitta, he coordinates the Strawberry Dragon Prison Project and serves as a mentor for ex-inmates. He makes frequent trips to Santa Barbara to serve as volunteer arborist, planting many trees there as well as here along the Center's perimeter. He coordinates liturgy and ritual as Ino, trains us in service positions, calmly and patiently.



Sangha Bodhisattvas (from left) Patti Muso Giggans, Jeanne Dokai Dickenson, Gary Koan Janka, Tom Dharma-Joy Reichert, and Evi Gemmon Ketterer.

EVI GEMMON KETTERER

Gemmon has created the role of Guest Steward at the Center, organizing schedules, welcoming guests, and creating a significant income flow for the Center. She is a member of the Buddha Hand Circle and the incoming Tenzo Resource Person. She is a member of the Fundraising Group and a former Tenzo Coordinator. She is a person of many skills including sewing, cooking, carpentry, upholstery. She has created several popular training manuals for residents and guests, pilgrimage, and the environment. She leads Jukai participants through the anxieties of sewing rakasus. Whatever she takes on, she does with skill, attention to detail, and creativity.

TOM DHARMA-JOY REICHERT

His name tells us who he is, Dharma Joy. We receive many gifts through his skills and through his joy in the dharma. He is an emeritus member of the Executive Circle and a member of the Board of Directors, where he Secretary and sits on the finance committee. Dharma Joy supports the Center significantly with all manner of gifts as well as with legal counsel. As one example of many, he is in charge of the ZCLA photo and tape archives. He creates new yahoo e-groups for newly forming circles. Dharma Joy is a weekend day manager, a marvelous tenzo for weekend sesshins. He tops off our Thursday evening talks with home-made cookies. He is a quiet, consistent, wise, behind-the-scenes friend of ZCLA. ■

SANGHA GUARDIANS

This year Roshi has named four individuals as “Sangha Guardians.” Their combined years of service to the Sangha totals close to one hundred years, and they are all over 70 years of age. Each of our guardians contributes in myriad ways to the life of the Sangha and is a cherished member of our community.

CHARLES DURAN

Charles has been a legendary source of practical help and assistance to all at ZCLA. In the past, he served countless hours as buildings maintenance manager. Upon Roshi’s return to ZCLA, Charles has been a steady support in the re-creation of our community. Beware your fuzzy thinking if you take Charles on in a political debate. He enjoys the fray and is well informed on many subjects; he provokes our thinking and re-viewing of many cherished and clung-to points of view. He has mastered the art of recycling DVD’s, magazine articles, and books within the community. Occasionally disguised as a curmudgeonly dragon, Charles is an available, willing-to-serve guardian at Normandie Mountain.

HELEN DAIJI POWELL

A spiritual seeker, Daiji has experienced many traditions. She lives with the freshness of beginner’s mind; we have all experienced her laughter and delighted surprise as she considers a new concept. Daiji sees what needs to be done and gets involved in the doing. The beauty of our grounds owes much to Daiji’s attention. She oversaw the work of the weekly gardeners. She also served as Altar Flower Coordinator, one of the founding Tenzo Coordinators, and Tenzo Resource Person. She was a member of the Buddha Hand Circle. She has been an available and enthusiastic ZCLA guardian, an elder, and a friend to all. A former resident, Daiji recently moved to Laguna Niguel.

NINA REIJU WASSERMAN

Reiju is often the first person newcomers meet; many ‘Reiju stories’ circulate, that include descriptions of her sense of humor. She volunteers her time and expertise as staff member and also co-manages the bookstore. She was a founding member of the Members Circle. She remains deeply engaged in the well-being of the membership. As Coordinator of ZP-5, she matches up zazen buddies for 100 hours of zazen. This guardian, who has



Sangha Guardians in the Jizo Garden: (from left) Nina Reiju Wasserman, Burt Wetanson, and Charles Duran.

At right, Helen Daiji Powell

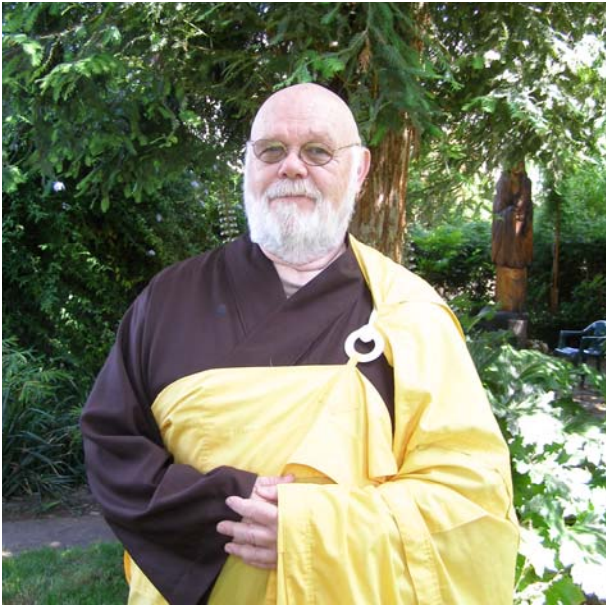


no need to be special, is special to us all, a Center treasure, a model of elderhood, an inspiration as a loving, wise woman.

BURT WETANSON

We may know him as co-manager of the bookstore and the assistant editor for the WaterWheel. What many of us may not know is that he has copyedited most of the reissued writings of Maezumi Roshi by Wisdom Publications. He copyedits most of ZCLA’s publications. Burt has a remarkable tenacity in going after factual precision and enjoys a gleeful pursuit of accuracy in everything that comes to his attention. He is an unrelenting sweeper of pine needles. Burt has a wonderful sense of humor, wicked, quick and playful. He is a behind-the-scenes Sangha guardian. With his humor, combined with a keen and subtle sensitivity and thoughtfulness, and his kindly neighborliness, he is the kind of treasure that continues to surprise and delight us. ■

"BERRY" BODHISATTVA



Sensei Nagy Buckley, the Berry Bodhisattva

Daniel Nagacitta Buckley Sensei embodies generosity in all its manifestations. From a big heart of compassion, he takes action, first by seeing a need and then organizing spiritual and financial support to serve others in need. He exemplifies a "Berry" Bodhisattva: tender, playful, and, like a dragon, ferocious in effecting results. He heads the Strawberry Dragon Zendo, now an aspect of the Karma sphere of the Center's organizational mandala.

The SDZ has an array of socially engaged programs, including the thriving Prison Program, Futures for Children on the Hopi Reservation, a spiritual care giving practice with Northridge Medical Center and Hospital, and interfaith involvement. He encourages and inspires Sangha members to become actively involved in these various ministries in his funny, evenhanded way. He patiently mentors these "Berries" along with the rest of us.

Sensei Nagy has founded the Sutra Fund for library acquisitions, and with his wife, Gail, founded the Sujata Fund to support the practice of women dharma practitioners. He was ordained in the Vietnamese Zen tradition. His spiritual home is now ZCLA where he serves as Assistant Teacher and a true spiritual friend to many.

THANK YOU, ZCLA MEMBERS, 2004 to 2006

Brandon Abraham
Mary Albee
Jeffrey Lotus-Peace Albrizze
Concetta Getsuren Alfano
Stephen Arendt
Jessica Armstrong
Tom Arthur
David Beaird
Steve Earth-Holder Baker
Amanda Baucom
Bradley Baumkirchner
Katy Behrens
Gary Belton
Raul Ensho Berge
Bernard Beriau
Mark Shogen
Peter Bofinger
Merle Kodo
Craig Daigetsu Brandau
Harry Rokai Brickman
Elizabeth Bryer
Daniel Nagacitta Buckley
Donna Buell
John Daishin Buksbazen

Tom Yudo Burger
Elaine Butler
Bill Butler
Allan Taikan Carr
Camille Kwankai Carr
Teido Cartee
Nelida Cartolin
Randy Chance
Heather Faith-Spring Chapman
Theresa Marie Chen
Kahty Chenoweth
James Jakugen Chou
Sean Pine-Ocean Cleary
Richard Cloud-Forest
Loretta Luminous-Seed Coha
Elizabeth Jiei Cole
Cliff Shishin Collins
John P. Collins
William Earth-Mirror Corcoran
Mary Yugen Courtney
Constance Lotus-Moon Crosby
Jonathon Crow
Nena Davis
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Justin Dickenson
Neil Chiyu Donner
Charles Duran
Robert Dharma-Gate Evans
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Diane True-Joy Fazio
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Anne Field
Kathy Filson
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April Ford
Mike Solitary-Pine Ford
Sarah Forth
Susan Eko Fukushima
Peggy Faith-Moon Gallaher
Jorge Garcia
Dylan Gary
Marc Koshin Giet
Patti Muso Giggans
Blake Gilbert
Stephen Giles

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DAY GROUP 2006



Appreciation to the Day Group. Front row (from left) Tom Yudo Burger, Ty Jotai Webb, Wendy Egyoku Nakao, Mary Rios, Gary Koan Janka; Back row (from left) Jeanne Dokai Dickenson, Evi Gemmon Ketterer, and John Plum-Hermit Swanger

TRANSMISSION



We appreciate the transmission of Dharma from Roshi Wendy Egyoku Nakao to Sensei Merle Kodo Boyd in March 2006.

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Jim Goodwin
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Jian Graham
David Green
Jerry Grenard
Katherine Senshin Griffith
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Patricia Shingetsu Guzy
Stephan Haas
James Jindo Hagar
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Andrew Halladay
Stephen Hanka
Kipp Ryodo Hawley
Tiffany Henry
Evan Hirsch
Jane Hirsch
Jeff Hirsch
Al Hoagland, Jr.
Kevin Hopps
George Mukei Horner, Jr.
Richard Tosei Hutchinson
Derek Hutchison
Gary Koan Janka
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Diane Katz
Lyndon Kay
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Ed Etsudo Kimble
Alex Sotetsu Kimura
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Peter LeFebre
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Mary Keion Levin
Joan Levy
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Barbara Phoenix-Plum Lynch
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Diane Yuko Mark-Walker
Nancy Marquez
Rosa Ando Martinez
Erik Mathiesen
Deborah Dharma-Heart McColl

Thomas McGrail
James Giku McIntyre
Tony Michaelis
Jack Michon
Joe Enjo Migliore
James Milner
Dennis Murphy
Matteo Muti
Wendy Egyoku Nakao
Julia Norstrand
Nancy Nason
Michael Daigu O'Keefe
Helga Shobai Oswald
Peter A. Ott
Steve Seiko Parks
Troy Perry
David Phillips
Pam Emerald-Lake Porcaro
Helen Daiju Powell
Diane Purves
Joseph M. Ramirez
Robert Soho Redfeather
Tom Dharma-Joy Reichert
Daniel Diamond-Brush Restuccio
Victor Rex
Lourdes Jisen Reybin
Mary Rios
Kim Rohasek

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 Conrad Butsugen Romo
 Kathleen Pure-Heart Rork
 Maggie Rowe
 Noel Samuels
 Robert Dokan Sandberg
 Robert Soen Sawyer
 Sozan Schellin
 Kyle Jigu & Kari Secor
 Nathaniel Shultice
 Sydney Nonin Sims
 Jeffrey Slater
 Laura Smart
 Michael Smithe
 Cynthia Smock
 DeWayne Gojitsu Snodgrass
 Dana Dragon-Pearl Soloff
 Kathy Myoan Solomon
 Hannah Seishin Sowd
 Lana Shoshin Spraker
 Hillary Kongchal Stephenson
 Stephen Sutor
 Robert A. Swan
 John Plum-Hermit Swanger
 Ed Emyo Swiatek
 Penelope Luminous-Heart Thompson
 Deb Faith-Mind Thoresen
 James Soshin Thornton
 Stephen Sky-Mountain Tibbs
 William Tilley
 Norick Toumanians
 Carla Flowing-Mountain Trotter
 John Heart-Mirror Trotter
 Walter Genei Van Vort
 Reeb Kaizen Venners
 Tim Vreeland
 Nancy Ward
 Nina Reiju Wasserman
 Amy Suigetsu Watanabe
 Paul Kenshin Wear
 Ty Jotai Webb
 Martin Weiss
 Burt Wetanson
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 Ken Winkler
 Janet Moon-Wheel Witkin
 Margaret Jifu Wolfe-Gower
 Alden Wood
 Anne Young

Our apologies if we have missed anyone. Please contact Dokai at dokai@zcla.org to let us know if we missed you. Thank you!



IN MEMORIAM

Francis Dojun Cook (1930-2006)

SHARED STEWARDING

We thank all the members who have practiced in Shared Stewardship circles and groups. Below are names of those who have served as stewards and chairpersons of circles and groups from September 2004 to June 2006. Shared Stewardship is an evolving training form that embraces responsibility, accountability, and participation in a shared decision-making process in accord with Dharma principles. It aims at balancing the vertical and horizontal relationships within ourselves, each other, and the organization.

Board of Directors

Co-Chair: **Raul Ensho Berge**

Co-Chair: **Gary Koan Janka**

Secretary: **Thomas Dharma-Joy Reichert**

Treasurer: **Mark Shogen Bloodgood; Andrew Halladay (2005)**

Fundraising Chair: **Patti Muso Giggans**

Endowment Chair: **Robert Swan**

Budget & Finance Chair: **John Plum-Hermit Swanger**

Altar-Flower Group: **Lorraine Gessho Kumpf;**

Helen Daiji Powell (2004-2006)

Brown-Green Group: **April Ford**

Buddha Hand Circle: **Cliff Shishin Collins**

Co-Chidens: **Carla Flowing-Mountaint Trotter &**

Conrad Butsugen Romo

Curriculum Circle: **Lorraine, Gessho Kumpf;**

Peggy Faith-Moon Gallaher (2004-2005)

Data Base Steward: **Ty Jotai Webb**

Executive Circle: **John Plum-Hermit Swanger**

Guest Steward: **Evi Gemmon Ketterer**

Health Circle: **John Heart-Mirror Trotter**

Members Circle: **Penelope Luminous-Heart Thompson**

Parking Steward: **Tom Yudo Burger**

Program Circle: **Jeanne Dokai Dickenson**

Shared Stewardship: **Wendy Egyoku Nakao**

Teachers Circle: **Kipp Ryodo Hawley**

Tenzo Resource Persons: **Evi Gemmon Ketterer;**

Dokai Dickenson (2004-2005); Helen Daiji Powell (2000-2003)

Co-Tenzo Coordinators: **Blake Gilbert & Hillary Kongchal**

Stephenson; Julia Norstrand (2006); Gemmon Ketterer,

Jessica Armstrong, Katy Behrens, Tom Yudo Burger (2005);

Tom Pine-Ocean Cleary, Dylan Gary (2004)

Website Group Steward: **Kipp Ryodo Hawley**

20-30 Group: **Erik Matthiesen; Hannah Seishin Sowd (2005)**

Zen Programs On Normandie Mountain

See our calendar for the daily program schedule. Program details and updates are sent by email through DharmaFlash.

☎ **Please register in advance.** Contact Yudo at info@zcla.org to register.

The **Dharma Training Fund** is available to all Zen practitioners to supplement program fees. No one is ever turned away for lack of funds. If you find yourself in financial need for a particular program you wish to attend, please do not let finances be a reason not to attend. Do not hesitate to inquire with Dokai in the office for an application. Do not miss any opportunity to practice and study the Dharma!

Summer Practice Period

Summer Practice Period. July 11 to July 30. Led by Roshi Egyoku. Training schedule begins Tuesday evening through Sunday noon. A **seven-day sesshin from July 23 to 29** will be held. The daily schedule includes zazen, services, oryoki breakfast and informal supper, as well as a Day of Reflection, sesshin, study, and work. Open to everyone on a full- or part-time basis. Full-time participants meet weekly for council and classes. Detailed schedule to come.



Meals. From **Wednesday through Friday, July 12 to 21:** oryoki breakfast at 7:05 a.m.; informal supper from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. On Saturday, oryoki breakfast at 7:00 a.m.; on Sunday, buffet breakfast at 7:00 a.m. (no silence). All members may join meals. Members may find the informal suppers and weekend breakfasts especially conducive to your schedules. Fee per meal: \$5. Please sign up in advance.

Zazen

Sesshin.* Sunday evening, July 23, 6:00 p.m. supper and registration; 7:30 p.m. (sesshin begins) to Saturday, July 29, 9:00 p.m. Led by Roshi Egyoku. “Sesshin” means “to collect one’s heart and mind.” It is highly recommended for deepening one’s practice. The schedule includes zazen, chanting, teisho, dokusan (face-to-face interview with Roshi), work, rest, and three vegetarian oryoki meals daily. We observe silence, maintain lowered eyes and samadhi, and refrain from social greetings. Overnight accommodations available. \$240; \$480 for nonmembers. ☎

* **Note:** Zendo remains open for zazen during Sesshin.

Presentation of Denkai Recipients

Sunday, July 30, 11:00 a.m. to Noon

Followed by Lunch

Roshi Egyoku will give Preceptor Transmission (Denkai) to Patricia Shingetsu Guzy and Gary Koan Janka on July 28th in a closed ceremony. On the following Sunday, the new preceptors will be presented to the Sangha.

Dharma Holder Ceremony & Dharma Combat

Sunday, August 6, 11:00 a.m. to Noon

Followed by Lunch

Raul Ensho Berge, Patricia Shingetsu Guzy, and Gary Koan Janka will receive Dharma Holder appointments from Roshi Egyoku. Following the brief ceremony, Ensho, Shingetsu, and Koan will present a case koan to the assembly and defend it in Dharma Combat with everyone.

Please plan on attending this lively event and testing the recipients to see if they are worthy of this appointment!

Important Observances

- **Ven. Taizan Maezumi Roshi Annual Memorial Service** on Sunday, July 30, 8:30 a.m.
- **Obon—welcoming ancestors & feeding hungry ghosts** on Thursday, August 24, at 7:30 p.m. followed by teisho with Roshi.

Precept Practice

Day of Reflection. Saturdays, July 22 and August 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This day is devoted to the Zen bodhisattva precepts. It begins with a recitation of the precepts, zazen and interviews, a brief precept talk followed by a short work period and lunch. Silence is observed. A Precept Circle is held from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. on the precept of the day. Open to everyone.

July 22 will be led by Gessho Kumpf on Precept #7: Not Elevating Oneself and Blaming Others

The Day of Reflection will not be held in August due to the Veterans Retreat (see page 8). (Continued on page 8)

Atonement Ceremony. Thursday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m. The evening begins with zazen, followed by the ceremony of renewing the bodhisattva vows and precepts. There is an opportunity to bear witness to our own conduct in the company of the Sangha. Those who have received the precepts are asked to attend this ceremony on a regular basis. Open to all. Officiated by Jeanne Dokai Dickenson.

Ceremony for Receiving the Precepts (Jukai). Thursday, August 17, at 7:30 p.m. Bodhisattva precept ceremony will be held with Roshi as preceptor for Marty Weiss, Julia Norstrand, Kathy Behrens, and Jessica Armstrong. Everyone, please come to witness and support the new baby Buddhas and welcome their families to ZCLA.

Classes, Workshops & Retreats

Service Position Training. Saturday, July 8, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Led by Gary Koan Janka. New and experienced members are all welcome to plunge into the practice of service position training.

Shared Stewardship Class. Sunday, August 13, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. This year, we are focusing on re-visioning the Center's core values and goals. Shared Stewards are linked through an e-group, which is open to members who wish to keep informed. To join the e-group, contact Dharma-Joy at tvr@birdmarella.com. Open to members.

Health Circle. Saturday, August 5, 1:30-3:00 p.m., led by Steward John Heart-Mirror Trotter. This newly formed circle looks after the various components of Sangha health, including illness, end-of-life issues, and working with the Disaster Planning Group. Open to all.

Veterans Retreat. Friday eve, August 18 to Monday noon, August 21. ZCLA will host a retreat for military combat veterans led by Dharma Holder Claude Anshin Thomas and sponsored and coordinated by Topanga Peace Alliance, Mehadi Foundation, and the Veterans for Peace. Due to space considerations, the Center will not hold any other programs during this time. Details to come. ■

Upcoming Programs (See also page 12)

Special note: Moshe Yoowho Cohen will kick off the second year of the Institute of Mischief Making with a weekend workshop September 15 to 17.

ZCLA Dharma talks are available to members on our website. Contact Yudo at info@zcla.org for our member's password.

Big Mind Workshop

with

Dennis Genpo Merzel Roshi

Friday, August 11, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. (Public Talk)
Saturday, August 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Lunch included on Saturday

The Big Mind process was developed by Genpo Roshi. It is a simple and powerful technique to help a person shift perspective and realize a deepening wisdom, to make the shift from the ego-centered self to the Big Mind perspective. Big Mind was created as a fusion of meditation and therapy techniques.

Genpo Roshi is an early Dharma Successor of ZCLA founder Maezumi Roshi and trained, lived, and worked at the Center for many years. He is the founder of the world-wide Kanzeon Sangha.

Open to everyone. Fee: \$90 members and White Plum Sangha; \$135 nonmembers.

The Dharma Training Fund is available to all Zen practitioners to supplement program fees, if needed. Inquire with Dokai in the office for an application.

July-August Thursday Evening Talks

During July and August, Thursday evening talks will focus on four major bodhisattvas: Samantabhadra, Ksitigarbha (Jizo), Avalokitesvara (Kanzeon), and Manjusri. There is no text, but you may enjoy checking out Taigen Daniel Leighton's *Bodhisattva Archetypes: Classic Buddhist Guides to Awakening and Their Modern Expression*, Penguin, 1998.

ZCLA-Affiliated Sitting Groups

The Valley Sangha (Woodland Hills, CA)
led by Patricia Shingetsu Guzy
The Hill Street Zendo (Santa Monica, CA)
led by Dharma-Holder John Daishin Buksbazen
Lincroft Zen Sangha (Lincroft, NJ)
led by Sensei Merle Kodo Boyd

Contact us at info@zcla.org for information.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Center Closed
2	3	Independence Day	5	6	7	8 Saturday Schedule 9:00 a.m. New Members Entering Ceremony 1:30-4:00 p.m. Service Position Training 5:30-8:00 Priest Exploration 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Contemplative Caregiving Nurses Retreat with Gemmon Ketterer (Closed)
Center Closed			7:15 p.m. Service	5:25 a.m. Zazen 6:30 Service 6:00 p.m. Executive Circle 7:15 Service 7:30 Teisho: Roshi 7:30-9:00 p.m. Zazen	7:15 p.m. Service	
Monthly Memorial Service ZP 1 & 2 Sunday Schedule 11:00 a.m. Newcomers/ New Members Class with Koan Janka 1:30-4:30 Teachers Circle 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Nurses Retreat	9	10 (Office Closed)	11	12	13	14
		Three-Week Practice Period Begins at 7:30 p.m. 7:30-9:00 p.m. Web Site Group	7:15 p.m. Service 7:15 SAE Meeting	5:25 a.m. Zazen 6:30 Service 7:15 p.m. Service 7:30-9:00 Zazen/Dharma Talk: Daishin Buksbazen	7:15 p.m. Service	15 8:30 a.m. Founders Service Saturday Schedule 7:00 a.m. Oryoki Breakfast Sangha Appreciation Event 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
Practice Period						
ZP 1 & 2 Sunday Schedule 7:00 a.m. Informal Buffet Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Dharma Talk: Ryodo Hawley 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. All-Day Board of Directors	16	17 (Office Closed)	18 (Office Closed)	19	20	21
			7:15 p.m. Service	5:25 a.m. Zazen 6:30 Service 6:00 p.m. Executive Circle 7:15 Service 7:30 Ceremony of Atonement, Dokai Dickenson	7:15 p.m. Service	22 Saturday Schedule 7:00 a.m. Oryoki Breakfast Zen Practice 3 Day of Reflection Led by Gessho Kumpf Precept #7: Not Elevating Oneself and Blaming Others 1:30-3:00 p.m. Precept Cir.
Practice Period						
ZP 1 & 2 Sunday Schedule 7:00 a.m. Informal Buffet Breakfast (No Dharma Talk/ Snack) 6:30 p.m. Sesshin Registration 7:30 Zazen	23	24 (Office Closed)	25 (Office Closed)	26	27	28
Maezumi Roshi Memorial Sesshin (July 23-29 — led by Roshi Egyoku)						
ZP 1 & 2 Sunday Schedule 8:30 a.m. Memorial Service for Maezumi Roshi 11:00 a.m. Presentation of Denkai recipients Shingetsu Guzy and Koan Janka	30	31 5:25 a.m. Zazen 6:30 Service (Office Closed) 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Zazen				



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Saturday Schedule New Members Series #1 9:00 a.m. New Members Entering Ceremony 1:30-4:30 Teachers Circle 1:30 to 3:00 Health Circle
		(Office Closed)	5:25 a.m. Zazen 6:30 Service 7:15 p.m. Service 7:30 Twenty-Thirty Group	6:00 p.m. Executive Circle 7:15 p.m. Service 7:30 Zazen/Dharma Talk: Shingetsu Guzy	7:15 p.m. Service	
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6 ZP 1 & 2 Monthly Memorial Service Sunday Schedule 11:00 a.m. Dharma-Holder Ceremony for Ensho Berge, Shingetsu Guzy, Koan Janka	7	8	9	10	11	12 8:30 a.m. Founders' Service (No regular Saturday program) 9 to 11:00 a.m. Zazen Big Mind Workshop with Genpo Merzel Roshi
	(Office Closed)	(Office Closed)	5:25 a.m. Zazen 6:30 Service 7:15 p.m. Service	4:00 p.m. Fundraising Meeting 7:15 Service 7:30 Zazen/Dharma Talk : Ensho Berge	Introduction to Big Mind with Genpo Merzel Roshi 7:30-9:00 Public Talk 7:15 p.m. Service	
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13 ZP 1 & 2 Sunday Schedule 11:00 a.m. Teisho: Genpo Merzel Roshi 1:30-4:30 p.m. Shared Stewardship (5)	14	15	16	17	18	19 (No regular Saturday program) 9-11:00 a.m. Open Zazen in Buddha Hall Veteran's Retreat (Closed) with Claude Anshin Thomas
	(Office Closed)	(Office Closed)	5:25 a.m. Zazen 6:30 Service 7:15 p.m. Service	6:00 p.m. Executive Circle 7:15 Service 7:30 Ceremony for Receiving the Precepts	6:00 p.m. Veterans Retreat with Claude Anshin Thomas	
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(No regular Sunday program) 20 9-11:00 a.m. Open Zazen In Buddha Hall 1:30-4:30 Curriculum Circle Veteran's Retreat	21	22	23	24	25	26 Saturday Schedule
	(Office Closed)	(Office Closed)	5:25 a.m. Zazen 6:30 Service 7:15 p.m. Service	7:00 p.m. OBON Service 7:30 Zazen/Teisho: Roshi	7:15 p.m. Service	
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27 ZP 1 & 2 8:30 a.m. Gate of Sweet Nectar Service 9-10:20 Zazen/Dokusan, Interview; No Talk 11:00 a.m. Sangha Samu: Preparing for Termite Fumigation. <i>Everyone welcome.</i> 12:30 p.m. Simple lunch	28	29	30	31		
			Fumigation of Center Buildings			
	Summer Recess: No Timekeeper in Zendo					



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FALL PRACTICE PERIOD BEGINS OCTOBER 1ST. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR COMMITMENT AGREEMENTS.					Fumigation of Center Buildings	
Center Closed for SUMMER RECESS					Center Closed for SUMMER RECESS	
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9 Tangaryo 8:30 a.m. Service 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Zendo open for Zazen)
Center Closed for SUMMER RECESS			7:15 p.m. Service 8:00 p.m. Talk: Soto teacher from Japan Visit	5:25 a.m. Zazen 6:30 Service 6:00 p.m. Executive Circle 7:15 Service 7:30 Zazen/Personal Practice Talk: Ando Martinez	7:15 p.m. Service	
			7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Zazen			
10 ZP 1 and 2 Monthly Memorial Service Sunday Schedule 11:00 a.m. New Members/ Newcomers Class: Dokai Dickenson 1:30-4:30 p.m. Kitchen Cleaning	11 (Office Closed)	12 (Office Closed)	13	14	15	16 Founders' Service Saturday Schedule Zen Practice 3 Day of Reflection led by Dharma-Joy Reichert Precept # TBD Institute of Sacred Mischief and Contemplative Clowning 9:30 to 12 noon 1 to 4:00 p.m.
			5:25 a.m. Zazen 6:30 Service	7:15 p.m. Service 7:30 p.m. Zazen/Personal Practice Talk: Faith-Mind Thoresen	7:15 p.m. Service	
			7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Zazen			
17 ZP 1 and 2 Sunday Schedule 11:00 a.m. Dharma Talk: TBD Institute of Sacred Mischief and Contemplative Clowning 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.	18 (Office Closed)	19 (Office Closed)	20	21	22	23 Saturday Schedule New Members Series #2 9:00 a.m. New Member's Entering Ceremony 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Class: Introduction to the Precepts with Ensho Berge 1:30—3:00 Health Circle
			5:25 a.m. Zazen 6:30 Service	6:00 p.m. Executive Circle 7:15 p.m. Service 7:30 p.m. Zazen/Personal Practice Talk: Luminous-Heart Thompson	7:30-9:00 Residents Circle 7:30 p.m. Open Zazen	
			7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Zazen			
24 ZP 1 and 2 Sunday Schedule 11:00 a.m. Dharma Chat: TBD 1:30-4:30 p.m. Board of Directors	25 (Office Closed)	26 (Office Closed)	27	28	29	30 Saturday Schedule
			5:25 a.m. Zazen 6:30 Service	7:15 p.m. Service 7:30 p.m. Zazen/Personal Practice Talk: Emerald-Lake Porcaro	7:15 p.m. Service	
			7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Zazen			

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Upcoming Events September to December 2006

Sesshin:

Fall Sesshin: October 22 to 29 with Hossen
Rohatsu Sesshin: December 1 to 9
End-Of-Year Sesshin: December 26 to 31

Tangaryo Day: September 9

Retreats, Classes & Workshops:

Shared Stewardship series: October 8 and
November 12;

**Institute for Mischief Making and
Contemplative Clowning:** September 16 & 17

Three Steps to Enlightenment: November 11

Introduction to Precepts: September 24

Day of Reflection: September 17, October 15,
November 18, and December 16

Intensive Practice Period: October to December

Head-Trainee Hossen: October 29



Sangha Appreciation Evening

Saturday, July 15

4:00 p.m. Refreshments and Conversations

5:00 p.m. Dinner in the Garden

5:30 p.m. Program

You, your family, and friends are invited to celebrate our summer Sangha gathering in appreciation of ZCLA members. We will be honoring a number of Sangha Bodhisattvas and Sangha Guardians who have given extraordinary gifts of time, kind, and money to support the practice of the Center for many years.

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