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MANAGING ANITA'S WORLDS

Anita's life, as we know, has been a bit like living in a number of colliding worlds for her. Anita has known for some time that it would help her family considerably to create a suitable area for them to enjoy as a family living space.

There are several ways we can help our Teacher achieve her wishes while at the same time continue the effective operation of our Centre and our precious teaching environment.

Here is a summary of the arrangements that will be of particular help.

The kitchen, dining room will become primarily a private family space.

Members have access to the hall and amenities area at any time.

Members have access to the hall computers, printers and LAN at any time.

Members have access to the office on Wednesdays, Thursday and Saturdays.

The caravan will be prepared as a tea and coffee area for use at any time.

The back veranda will be prepared as a delightful area for tea, coffee and meals for use at any time.

Meals on Members Day will, for the time being, be served in the hall.

The Centre Devas will reside in the areas outlined above.

A call bell will be installed at the front door of the hall and will be heard in the office.

Members can have private teachings with Anita by appointment.

IMPORTANT DATES

SATURDAY WEEKLY	MEMBERS' DAY BUDDHA DHAMMA FOR EVERYDAY LIFE CLASS, 11:00AM
SATURDAY EVENINGS	BUDDHA DHAMMA MEDITATION TEACHING BY VENERABLE SANGHA OR GUIDED BY ANITA CARTER, 8.00PM
SUNDAY WEEKLY	BUDDHIST HOUR RADIO, 4-5:00PM
11-19 NOVEMBER	WFB CONFERENCE, SRI LANKA
13 NOVEMBER	BEGINNERS CHAN CLASS WITH JULIAN BAMFORD, 9:30-10:30AM
20 NOVEMBER	BEGINNERS SUMI-E CLASS WITH JULIAN BAMFORD, 9:30-10:30AM
27 NOVEMBER	CHAN CLASS TAUGHT BY MELBA NIELSEN, 9:30AM-10:30AM
27 NOVEMBER	GURU PUJA
27 NOVEMBER	GENERAL MEETING, 2:00-2:30PM

Members can ring Anita on Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Saturdays but not at other times unless it is an emergency.

Arrangements for special events such as the Vietnamese visits and Five Day Bhavana Courses are at the discretion of Anita.

Over the next month we will prepare the extra facilities so we can enjoy these new areas we will be using.

Anita's family world has already benefitted greatly from just a week or so of having a private family living room.

Thank you all.

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WFB CONFERENCE

The 60th Anniversary and The 25th General Conference of The World Fellowship of Buddhists (The WFB), The 16th General Conference of The World Fellowship of Buddhists Youth (The WFBY) and the 8th Meeting of The World Buddhist University-Council (The WBU) will take place on 13 to 18 November B.E. 2553 (2010) in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The following persons will represent us at the conference: Anita Carter, Frank Carter, Simon Kearney, Sally Kelly and Pennie White.

WFB COMMUNICATION

From: The WFB Secretariat

The World Fellowship of Buddhists

องค์การพุทธศาสนิกสัมพันธ์แห่งโลก

Subject: The enshrinement of Phra Sassada Buddha Image Jing-An Temple, Shanghai, The People's Republic of China

Date: 21 – 26 July B.E. 2553 (2010)

Originator: PHALLOP THAIARRY, Secretary General of The WFB

Suggested Distribution: The WFB Office Bearers, Executive Council Members, Regional Centres and its networks

On the 23rd July B.E. 2553 (2010) Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Maha Chakri Siridhorn will preside over the enshrinement ceremony of Phra Sassada Buddha Image at Jing-An Temple, Shanghai, The People's Republic of China, please be informed that H.E. Phan Wannamethee, the President, and the representatives of The WFB from Headquarters will also be presented on this auspicious occasion. The Phra Sassada Buddha

Image is carried out by The WFB in recognition of His Majesty the King of Thailand's benevolence as an eminent and exemplary Buddhist, a dhammic ruler of the kingdom, and a great patron of the WFB since its foundation. The WFB will distribute the Buddha Images to be enshrined in temples and at important Buddhist historical sites in 19 countries.

Jing-An Temple is the Buddhist Temple with a long history of 1763 years and the center of Buddhism dissemination of Mahayana sect flourished in the People's Republic of China and to the other East Asian countries. The enshrinement of the Buddha Image will be the symbolic of good relationship among Buddhist world. Furthermore, during the 21st-26th July, the President of The WFB and group will visit Buddhist temples and historical sites in Shanghai and nearby cities.

Thank you for your attention and please be informed accordingly.

KATINA CEREMONIES

Box Hill Thai Buddhist Temple or Wat Thai Nakorn will have the annual Katina (robes giving) Ceremony on 14 November 2010 at the Box Hill Town Hall.

The event commences at 9.00am. Robes for offering can be obtained for the Sri Lanka Ceremony by donation.

This opportunities to make the good karma of offering robes to the Sangha are described by the Buddha as being amongst the most superior ways a person can make merit in their life so we encourage Members to attend at least one of these special occasions.

COMMEMORATION OF MASTER JOHN HUGHES' PASSING AWAY

The 29 November 2010 marks the 7th year since the passing away of Master John Hughes.

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Anita wishes to hold our commemoration this year on Saturday the 27 November 2010 as 29 November 2010 falls on a Monday. We will do the Vajrasattva Puja from 10.30am to 12:30pm. Anita requests everyone coming to please bring pink and white flowers and fruit and food offerings.

Also Anita requests all who are attending to please write a small recollection about a teaching you have received which could be of benefit to others.

NEW PHOTOCOPIER

Nationwide Digital Products has offered our centre a secondhand photocopier to replace the old one we have been using for at least the past 5 years. The machine being offered is one model old and they will also provide a service contract for \$200 per year which includes the supply of all the toner we use and free servicing and parts which may be required at any time.

This arrangement was made by ringing six photocopier manufacturing and supply companies and requesting the donation of a secondhand copier for our charitable organisation. Many companies are quite willing to assist through some form of corporate sponsorship or donation if they are requested.

Over the years we have received many such donations for all types of products for our Temple.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF THANKS SENT TO THE COMPANY WHO GAVE US A PHOTOCOPIER

Mr Chris Wilcox
Managing Director
Office National MBS

Dear Chris,

I wish to express our warm appreciation for your

company's generous support to our organisation through the donation of a suitable photocopier.

As a not for profit self help organisation our limited funds have to go a long way in the provision of community services locally and contributions to the welfare of others internationally through our ongoing fundraising for two orphanages in India and Bangladesh.

We had been prolonging the use of our old photocopier until even the toner for that machine was no longer available so it was most welcome to have received such timely and practical support from your company.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Frank Carter

Director

BUDDHIST DISCUSSION CENTRE FAMILY DAY

The Centre's Family Day and Annual Chan Academy Exhibition will be held on Sunday the 12 December 2010. We wish to make this day very welcoming for our families and friends to visit the centre and also to obtain publicity for the Centre and the Chan Exhibition in the local papers.

It is also a possibility that H.E. Zimwock Rinpoche may attend the centre this weekend to bless our new Medicine Buddha image and give Teachings.

FIVE DAY CHRISTMAS BHAVANA COURSE

The Five Day Christmas Bhavana Course this year will be based on Teachings by Master John Hughes. Julian and Peter have been digitising 5 Day Bhavana Course teachings given by John during the 1980's so there will be a number of new digitised recordings which could be used.

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We invite your suggestion of the theme for our New Years party at the end of the 5 day course. Please submit your suggestion to Simon.

LOOKING AFTER OUR CENTRE

Some years ago Anita and Frank had several discussions with the local Shire Council, the Shire of Yarra Ranges, regarding the issuing of a Planning Permit for the construction of our Meditation Hall and Library.

The Council kindly granted our request for a permit which enabled us to build our hall in an area which is zoned residential. The Council attached several conditions to the permit to manage the use of the site so that there would be no negative effects arising from the hall for our neighbours.

In particular some conditions state that Members attending Centre should not park their vehicles on Brooking Street at any time, rather they should park on the Centre's premises (parking at Burrinja is acceptable) Also that we should avoid making excessive noise particularly at night after Members are leaving the Centre.

Generally we operate in a very quiet manner however we do need to be careful if talking in the driveway late at night as one of our neighbours works night shift and goes to bed at about 7:30pm. We wish to avoid disturbing him as much as we can. By making these small efforts to be kind to our neighbours we make the karma to protect our Centre long into the future.

MEMBERS DAY FOOD MANAGEMENT

Enough is as good as a feast.

~ John Heywood

Here's to our health and well-being! Here's to the health and well-being of our beloved abbot Mrs. Anita Carter. May she have supreme health and long life.

As a very grateful new Member's Day Meals Manager for Saturdays, I bring you good tidings from the bright and shiny west-coast of the United States (Southern California) and most recently from Belgrave Heights, Australia.

Thank you for welcoming me so well and for making me feel loved. So far, so good I would say. All is truly well as I continue to acclimate to myself literally being on the other side of the world! I am also excited about my new role as Member's Day Meal Manager and am having a great time so far. Thank you for your patience with me as I learn how things operate at our center.

To that end, I am also in the process of creating a Member's Day Meals Saturday Folder with Roster included for our collective use.

May all beings be well and happy. May all beings be balanced and whole. With metta, Michelle.

BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

The renovations have progressed well so far with the next stages being the installation of the spa, the wall and floor lining and then the tiling.

Thank you to George for your help and kind advice, the plumber Steve and electrician Richie for your work and Julian, Peter, Adam and Simon for the building and renovation work.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE MARKET

We are in urgent need of the following items: good quality garden tools, DVDs, kitchenware. If you have any goods you wish to donate for us to sell at the market stall please contact Frank Carter on (03) 9754 3334.