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## ABBOT'S REPORT

We celebrated two Members birthdays recently at the Centre. Melba's birthday was on the 9<sup>th</sup> December and David Halls on the 18<sup>th</sup> December.

We were delighted for Melba because she has been attending the centre since 1978 and together with Peter Boswell is one of the original Members of our Temple. A guest for Melba's birthday was her old friend June Young who attended the centre during the 1980's and is an expert in Japanese arts including calligraphy which she teaches.

June offered to help Melba refurbish our Padmasambhava image ready for the the new halls completion. Work will be done on the right arm and face in particular.

David is our youngest student and although it is early in his life he has decided to look after our Centre as one of his main aims this life.

Looking ahead to Christmas I look forward to seeing you all on Christmas Eve for our Long Life Dinner. Members should bring offerings such as water, incense, flowers to offer to each other to make good causes for friendship, harmony and long life.

Our next Bhavana course is from 27 December to 31 December. The topic for the course is What Mantra ARE YOU REALLY RUNNING ON?

Wishing you all ease along the Buddha Dhamma path.

*~Anita Carter*

## CHRISTMAS DAY FLOWER STALL

Thank you to all our Memers who are helping out with our Christmas Day Flower Stall this year. The stall is located at the Mobil Garage 619 Boronia Road, Wantirna and operates from 9.am until 4.30pm.

The full roster can be obtained from Frank Carter.

## IMPORTANT DATES

TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS	BUILDING OF THE NEW MEDITATION HALL
SATURDAY EVENINGS	BUDDHA DHAMMA TEACHINGS BY THE VENERABLE SANGHA AND/OR MEDITATION GUIDED BY ANITA CARTER
24 DECEMBER	LOGLIFE CHRISTMAS DINNER
25 DECEMBER	CHRISTAMAS DAY FLOWER STALL
27 TO 31 DECEMBER	5 DAY BHAVANA COURSE BHAISAJYA GURU HEALING BUDDHA PUJA
30 DECEMBER	GENERAL MEETING
31 DECEMBER	NEW YEAR'S EVE BELL PUJA 11:30 PM
14 FEBRUARY	VALENTINE'S DAY FLOWER STALL
22 FEBRUARY	CHINESE ELDERLY CITIZENS VISIT 50 PERSONS
25 FEBRUARY	PHAT QUANG TEMPLE VISIT 250 - 300 PERSONS
4 MARCH	QUANG DUC TEMPLE VISIT 120 -150 PERSONS

The Camberwell Market is closed from 10 December until 7 January 2007 so the flower stall is a valuable means for us to keep up our income over this period.

We have our other flower stalls at Valentine's Day, Easter and Mother's Day.

These are high merit making events because of the 10 blessings associated with giving flowers to others.

## MEMBERS BUILD OUR NEW MEDITATION HALL AND LIBRARY

Our aim is to have the building painted inside and at lock up with the floor underneath the Padmasambhava image completed for the Vietnamese Temple Members Chinese New Year Piligrimage which starts in late February 2007.

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Brian the plasterer will be doing one further days work in early January to complete the ceiling and ceiling edges ready for painting. We will pay for this work to be done rather than do it ourselves but we will still do all the plaster finishing of the walls before painting.

The Members of Wat Buddharangsee, Venerable Sambathsam and the Cambodian Dhamma Teacher Buth Savong donated \$1000 to the building project which will enable us to pay the extra day's work from the plasterer Brian and pay for the doors for the front entrance.

George is donating the rear door for the hall and Frank's Brother Bruce the paint for the hall's interior.

All are invited to take part in this rare building project. We build every Saturday and Tuesday so please come along. Lunch & refreshments are provided.

## MONTHLY GENERAL MEETINGS

Our next General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at 6:00pm. All members are encouraged to attend. We require a quorum of 7 members to conduct a general meeting.

## SATURDAY EVENING BUDDHA DHAMMA TEACHING

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November approximately 50 Members of Wat Buddharangsee Temple Springvale attended a Dhamma Teaching hosted by us at the DRCCC on Glenfern Road, Upwey.

The Teacher for the evening was Cambodian Master Agga Pandit Buth Savong. Four monks attended the Teaching including the Abbot of Wat Buddharangsee Venerable Sambathsam, Venerable Peo Liv, Venerable Aloka and a visting monk from Canada.

Thank you to Dr Tel Thong for organising and promoting this event and to Julian Bamford and John Taylor for arranging the transport for the Members of the Sangha who attended.



## MELBA'S BIRTHDAY 9 DECEMBER 2006.

Melba pictured with June Young in front of the Padmasambhava image on her birthday.

## OFFERING OF SHAWLS FOR THAI MONKS

Thank you to those Members who contributed money towards our shawl offering to the Venerable Phra Income who we met again recently when he visited the Wat Thai Nakorn Temple in Elgar Road, Box Hill. On his earlier visit this year he mentioned that it gets very cold in Northern Thailand and that the Monks needed warm shawls to wear.

He was delighted and when the first one was offered by Ryan Halls Venerable Income took off his own shawl and put on the new one immediately.

## FUEL REDUCTION

As the fire season approaches, a fire fuel reduction program will be undertaken at our Centre particularly on Saturdays over the next few months.

Please assist as this is a most important precaution we need to attend to throughout the fire risk season.