

Our resident ordained: Rev. Seiko Susan Morningstar, Guest House and Open Space Coordinator; Rev. Fujin Attale Formhals, Roshi's Attendant; and we welcome back Doshin David Schubert, recently returned from Japan; Rev. Yayoi Karen Matsumoto, on a partial leave of absence before her departure to Shogen-ji in the fall; Rev. Shokan Marcel Urech, Jisharyo; Rev. Entsu Scott Rosecrans, Shikaryo; Rev. Seppo Ed Farrey, Tenzo; Rev. Tendo Tim Lacy, Jikijitsu, and Rev. Kigen Jim Frechter, Fusuryo.



Spring Kessei 2000 Students: left to right, Kyoshin Jacques Van Engel, Francis Strzepek, Brother Bernard Klim, Michiko-san Matsumoto, and Rev. Hossan Shohata.

Family Tree: Pine Planting, Pine Hill

During the weekend of May 12, DBZ held its annual Pine Planting Sesshin, to commemorate the founder of our school, Master Rinzai. Jiro Osho led the residents plus seven guests in a brief but intimate retreat. The closing of sesshin was marked by the planting of a pine near the zendo, with chanting and offerings of incense and water.

Pine Hill Zendo of Katonah, New York was dedicated in Westchester County by Eido Roshi, and Denko Mokudo Sensei John Mortensen installed as the Zendo's first Abbot, in a ceremony held on Sunday, June 11, 2000. Jiro Osho, Aiho-san, and the ordained of DBZ took part in the in the dedication ceremony where Eido Roshi called upon The Three Treasures to encourage and protect his practice and the future growth of Pine Hill Zendo. Denko Sensei is a former resident and frequent visitor to Dai Bosatsu Zendo, and in recent years has made a great effort to establish a Zen center with his wife Angela. We wish him all the best in his Dharma work, and look forward to a great Zen connection with the Pine Hill Sangha.

Guest House Repairs

During the last weeks of the long winter, the Guest House at Beecher Lake received some much needed improvements, including new interior paint, stain, furniture and carpeting throughout, new bathroom and light fixtures, furnace and plumbing repairs, and a new boiler and kitchen sink. Thanks to the planning and execution by Kigen and Seiko, under the careful and attentive supervision of Jiro Osho, and with the help of DBZ residents and kessei students, the Guest House looks great. Mr. Joe Ratner of Alder Creek Construction provided indispensable carpentry and plumbing work as well. We look forward to welcoming Zen students, guests and visiting groups to Dai Bosatsu Mountain in the months and seasons to come.

Wedding Bells and Gongs

New York Zendo members Mr. Randall Philips and Ms. Atsumi Hara of Manhattan were married at Dai Bosatsu Zendo on Saturday, June 17, in a ceremony conducted by Eido Roshi. In attendance were Atsumi's parents, sister and nephew from Tokyo, Randy's parents and family members from Florida and Colorado, as well as more than 50 guests. A most enjoyable and happy event. Congratulations!

Jukai 2000

On the last day of Harvest Sesshin at Dai Bosatsu Zendo, Saturday November 11, Eido Roshi will conduct his last Jukai Ceremony for those wishing to become Buddhists.

If you would like to take Jukai and receive a Dharma name, you should apply formally by letter to Eido Roshi by August 1, 2000. In your application letter include a brief history of your zazen practice, your date of birth, and a clear statement of your intention: why you wish to become a Buddhist. Jukai students will be instructed concerning necessary arrangements for preparation. Attendance at Harvest Sesshin is mandatory.

Those who have received Dokusan from Eido Roshi may continue to do so, with or without taking Jukai. Anyone who has completed at least two seven-day sesshins at Dai Bosatsu Zendo, or approximately ten weekend sesshins at New York Zendo, or the equivalent is eligible to apply.

Please mail your letter of application to Ven. Eido T. Shimano Roshi care of Dai Bosatsu Zendo. Please refrain from sending applications by fax, telephone or email.