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## From the President. . .

### *Unity and Diversity . . .*

I think *Oeness* may be foreign to Buddhism. *Oeness* sometimes means uniformity, sameness, likeness and leads to an unrealistic view of the world. *Oeness* can be threatened by diversity, it can lead to having to defend a particular point of view. On the other hand *Unity* means including everything, not simply excluding what doesn't fit. Diversity creates even more *Unity*, not less. *Oeness* may lead us to Utopia but *Unity* leads us to community.



When I was learning to use a bow and arrow, I found myself missing the target often and having to search out my arrows. A wise Archery friend offered this advice; "Always look for a straight line, nothing in nature is straight." When you see a straight line, more than likely it will be your arrow." I have followed that advice in life as well. My life has never followed a straight line, it has always been filled with bends and curves. Every time my mind is attracted to the straight line my heart follows the curve, and my life is better for it. *Diversity is the foundation, Unity is the structure and Community is the end result.*

Peace . . . Rev. Kusala

### Banquet Time is Here . . .

We do this each year. Is this another stop on the rubber chicken circuit? Is this just another event?

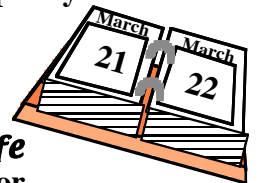
*Let us break bread together . . .*

An ancient tradition of a shared meal, meeting in friendship and becoming family.

We consider that this banquet is part of a larger tapestry.



We are part of that tapestry.  
The world is part of that tapestry.  
We, as threads, cannot become tapestry if we remain isolated.  
*The whole is greater than the sum of its parts!*  
As threads in this tapestry we add to the whole, enhance it, complete its splendor. What we don't do is create it. Our absence, however, can detract from the beauty of that whole. We bring ourselves and enjoy the company, the food, the entertainment, and are challenged to bring away a new understanding and build a new peace — become new tapestry.  
Our opportunity — to be the beginning of what the world can be.  
Join us. Become part of the tapestry!



Apr 26th **Interfaith Cafe**  
For info: 949-661-3087 or  
[www.religiousdiversityfaire.org](http://www.religiousdiversityfaire.org)

May 1st **Monthly Meeting**

May 3rd **Family History**  
Free Lecture — (714) 997-7710

May 9th **Unity Banquet**  
Note: This is a Friday night.  
Get your Tickets now!!!

May 10th **Mammogram Screening**  
St. Polycarp — McLaughlin Hall

May 13th **IFC Board Meeting**  
St. Polycarp Catholic Church  
5:15 p.m. All are welcome.

May 17th **FSC Yard Sale**  
Call Ann: (714) 890-5203

Jun. 6th **Monthly Meeting**

# Miscellaneous . . .

## Banquet Keynote Speaker

Dr. Ananda Guruge, a dynamic speaker from the Buddhist Community, will engage us on “Unity and Diversity From the Buddhist Perspective.” His experience as an ambassador and scholar will enlighten, entertain and challenge us.

## Seventh Annual Unity Banquet

The Banquet will be held at the Garden Grove Community Center on FRIDAY, May 9th. Starting time will be 6:00 p.m. and the tickets are \$15.00. Buy now or yesterday even!!!

Ann at 890-5203 or Barbara at 537-2936

## In Memoriam — Dr. Lou Smith, M.D.

The loving soul mate of Sue Smith, obstetrician, friend and benefactor died on Sunday, April 6. He brought the very breath of God to countless babies and continued to voice His Name to all of us. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him. We ask all to reach out and touch others as he touched us and thus continue his legacy.

## Spirit in Action . . .

We are proud to announce this years’ Spirit in Action Award winners. These people exemplify those qualities that are needed the most in our time. They give of themselves to others. Their service continues to make our world a better place.

**Dwight & Leia Smith** — Catholic Worker — for their work with the homeless and disadvantaged.

**Harry Krebs** — Garden Grove Community Foundation — for work to improve the quality of life for our community.

**Cindy Nagamatsu** — Liaison for GGPD — for charitable community outreach and tireless efforts to improve the lot of those sometimes forgotten in our community.

**Hoang Nguyen Lee & Annie Sau Tri Tran** — Salvation Army — for service to other immigrants and those in need by providing both food and a model of the best of the human spirit.

It is a privilege to know you all.

*Congratulations to each of you!!!*

## FSC Yard Sale . . .

If you have any gently loved items please consider the Family Support Center. We will be having another Yard Sale on Saturday May 17th and any item will be greatly appreciated by those we serve. Call Ann or Evelyn: 714-890-5203

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## Mammogram Screening. . .

For those of limited income and without health insurance this is an incredible opportunity. (Contact Ann or Evelyn: 714-890-5203)

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## Banquet Display Tables. .

The faith community displays are always fascinating, especially, to the new attendees. It is usually their first experience of the diversity that is ours.

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## Silent Auction . . .

We have been asked for suggestions. Unique items are always welcomed and popular. Tickets for shows, movies, harbor trips, small electronics, children’s items. Items need not be expensive. If you have anything that would be appropriate, please contact:

Ann at 890-5203 or Barbara at 537-2936

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## Unity Table . . .

Remember to bring your item for the “Unity Table” and be prepared to give a 1 minute or less explanation of the object and it’s significance. This is always a special part of this evening.



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## Family History . . .

Research your family tree. Free Lecture — Sat., May 3rd from 8:00 to 5:00 For Info call: 714-997-7710

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## Board of Directors — 2002

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  - Ann Nguyen
  - Pat Casey
  - Rev. Doug Johnstone
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## Next Meeting: May 1st

Last meeting before the Banquet. Come, plan, socialize, and learn from each other.

# See you there! ! !