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Introduction 序言

釋天因

物換星移，日月如梭，轉眼間農曆新年又過去了。謹此補祝大家事事如意，家庭和樂，福慧增長！同時也要感謝十方大德對美國華嚴蓮社的支持和關懷。

華嚴蓮社在美國已經有20多年的歷史，我們一直跟隨著董事長成公長老、副董事長賢度法師的步伐，以弘法、文化、慈善、教育為主。同時秉持著將此身心奉塵刹的理念。邁入2008年了，對過去我們不敢說有很大的成果，因為仍在學習中；對未來我們仍然是要努力，因為只要這樣才有光明的遠景。

經過長期的耕耘，大殿在2005年落成了；目前我們正積極為原建築之兩層樓房籌募維修經費，因為舊址年久失修，市政府亦已發出限期重建之規定，重建工程如箭上弦，急不容緩了。

另外，為了加強與會友的溝通，讓大眾對蓮社有更多的認識及了解，我們嘗試創辦「因華雜誌」以四個月為一期，內容主要是以報導本社的活動及新聞；其中設有「華嚴園苑」專欄，歡迎大家來稿，分享心路歷程、學佛心得、宣揚菩薩行者動人事蹟等等。希望透過文字，編者、讀者們一起努力，使這片園地能長滿清淨芳香的蓮花。

除了定期性的活動，在四月份，我們仍會繼續舉辦「春季清明祭祖法會」及「佛學經論講座」，祈望大眾誦經禮懺之外，對佛法也能夠有更多的認識。為了提昇大眾的宗教情操，預算在六月份籌辦第一次的八關齋戒，使有志學佛者能體驗出家人的生活，同時洗滌身心，以清淨和樂之態度面對人生。

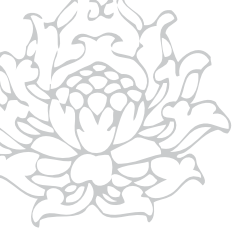
從2006年十一月份開始，逢週六晚上舉辦的佛學班，仍會如常舉行，過去我們常住亦已經有幾位法師曾經為大眾作演說。未來我們仍希望用佛法來供養大眾，願提供大家在學佛道路上的一點資糧。祈求每人能夠透過佛法，獲得內心的平淨與清涼，世界就能安寧。

祝賀大家

身心自在！

隨緣安樂！





經濟文化辦事處

廖偉平 處長光臨本社

十二月七日經濟文化辦事處廖偉平處長的蒞臨，把原本不怎麼特別的日子，增添了緊張又高興的氣氛，這是美國米爾必達市華嚴蓮社所有師父及部份義工菩薩們的心聲。

當天雖然寒風凜冽及天色陰暗，仍擋不住處長的決定——到華嚴蓮社一行及與師父們共進午齋。住持天因法師帶領全體住眾及護法居士歡迎處長的來臨，處長於上午十一時前到達，粘金鐘秘書長卻早在二十分鐘前就到了蓮社，恭候處長的來臨。監院天融法師首先招待處長到大雄寶殿各個佛桌前禮佛，處長對佛教很有興趣，每見到一尊佛菩薩聖像都多留片刻，在凝視？在觀想？在發願？有時還提出一些佛教問題，也得到住持法師的解答，就這樣子有問有答有思惟中，光光參觀大雄寶殿一個地方，就花上了半個多小時。

正式招待點心茶水的地點是在圖書館彌勒樓閣，知客天能師及義工菩薩們早就準備好精美的點心及英



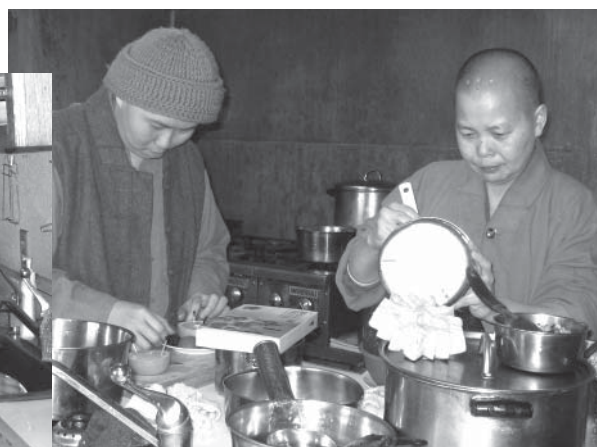
處長與大眾合照

國紅茶等著招待，陪同者有陳潤吾、張志禹、石龍生、賀玉章、孫木通等居士，用過點心簡餐後又經過五位居士們詳盡介紹這個多元化的教室及電動化的書架後，住持天因及監院天融法師代表蓮社致贈法寶給處長及粘秘書——《成一法師訪談錄》、《DEVELOPMENT OF THE HUA-YEN SCHOOL DURING THE TANG DYNASTY》及《世主妙嚴品》，處長隨即向兩位法師回饋

贈品，在多方答謝的對話中，不知不覺差不多是到了中午用齋時間，在居士們的陪同下請處長移動玉步到舊殿，參觀辦公室及齋堂，最後到二樓用齋，於前一天就忙過不了的香積組總共六人是天寧師帶領，恰好及時打板可以用齋，用餐後已是下午二時，處長今天在蓮社的時間逗留長達三個多小時，飽餐法味外也品嚐華嚴美食，如此寶貴的時間給了蓮社，是蓮社之光，是大眾的福。☸

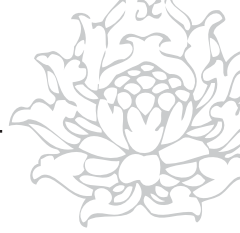


熱烈歡迎 處長來訪



(左圖)處長到訪 住持(天因法師)領眾 親自下廚當家 (上圖左)、典座 (上圖右)分工合作





年終 梁皇法會 參與者眾 莊嚴殊勝

美國華嚴蓮社在2007年12月23日至30日一連八天舉辦年終梁皇法會，法會分三部份進行。第一部份是禮拜梁皇寶懺；由23日至29日，每天早上九時開懺，並恭請本社住持天因法師為主懺和尚。中午更備有午齋供佛供眾。每天晚課誦地藏經一卷，29日下午加誦地藏經一部，祈以禮懺、誦經功德迴向眾姓亡靈，拔度超薦。這次法會是計2005年新大殿落成開光後，首次恢復舉辦，信眾反應熱烈，第一及最後一天參與多達三百餘人，而每天也有八十人參加。29日法會結束後，舉辦幽冥皈依，而對象是法會的眾姓亡靈，家屬虔誠帶領亡者求受皈依，因緣殊勝。

第二部份是在圓滿日（30日）早上九時舉行的延生普佛。八時多信眾早已雲集在大雄寶殿，以清淨虔誠的心到來，祈求三寶加被，增福延壽，消災免難，六時吉祥。

最後一部分是當天（30日）下午二時舉行的三時繫念佛事。是次法會秩序井然，莊嚴殊勝，在連串的佛號聲中，信眾至誠懇切，祈求佛力庇佑，歷代先亡早生淨土。而法會在晚七時多才圓滿結束。

是次法會能夠順利成就，有賴常住所有法師及義工組全面配合。更要感謝台北蓮社成長老、副董事長賢度法師、退居住持弘度法師及退居副住持轉度法師精神上的支持之外；特別感謝台北華嚴專宗研究所的兩位院友來支援，計有來自台北的天行師，更有來自星加坡的傳智師及其住眾傳能師和法註師，使這次法會能如法圓滿落幕。

在大眾一片熱烈掌聲，更熱切期待明年年終法會的來臨。



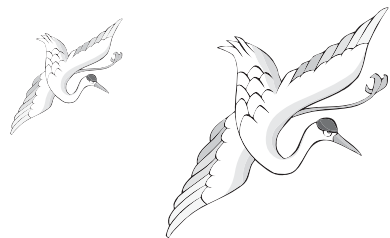
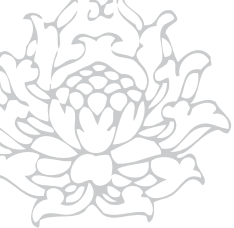
法會花絮



三時繫念主法全神觀想



法師們大合照



美國德州休士頓華嚴蓮社開山法師 圓果法師 圓寂追思法會 備極哀榮

德洲休士頓華嚴蓮社創辦人圓果法師於十二月八日遽爾生西，各界大為震動。十二月十六日星期日，美國華嚴蓮社代表天融、天寧法師出席參加德洲休士頓華嚴蓮社住持圓果法師圓寂追思法會。

是日早上十時正，接近四百名信眾聚集在最吉祥殿。德洲玉佛寺宏意法師為主法和尚，帶領大眾虔誦心經，念佛及開示，後由吳意文居士介紹圓果法師生平，法眷代表天融法師，家屬代表張蓉倩居士，信眾代表余信、王淑貞、雷余鳳尊、許良美、王德玫等分別作出追思緬懷。何汝材居士代表德洲華嚴蓮社致謝詞。十一時五十分，由宏意法師帶領大眾向圓果法師的遺體作最後瞻禮。

下午一時正，由八位護法居士扶靈，在大眾一片念佛聲中，靈柩徐徐地移離最吉祥殿並送上靈車，出發至火葬場，舉行荼毘儀式，當靈車抵達火葬場時，超過兩百名的信眾早已雲集在禮堂內。

再由宏意法師帶領大眾念佛，在綿密的佛號聲中，由法眷及親屬代表共同按鈕，圓果法師的靈柩隨即火化。

這次追思法會，除了佛教界、工商界，銀行界及新聞界派代表出席外；市政府、州政府及國會議員也分別派代表到場致敬及宣讀悼念狀。

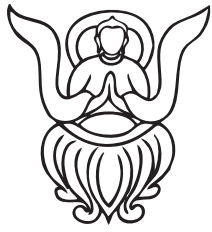
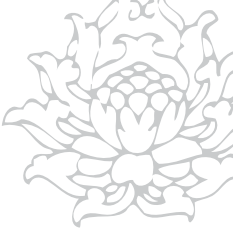


住持法師回港探親 順道弘經說法 開示善財參訪歷程 信眾獲益良多

11月2、3、5日，美國華嚴蓮社住持天因法師回港探親，一如以往，法師順道為信眾開示佛法。這次授課地點是：香港佛教青年協會。主題是：華嚴經入法界品。分三天進行授課，法師更以多媒體介紹善財童子的參訪歷程，又展示21種善知識特性及解脫門。每天授課前更親自領眾唱華嚴字母。每場聽眾多達八十人以上，當中不乏有溫故知新的法師；也有初聞大法的居士。住持法師每年定期性的為大眾作短期弘法，確令香港信眾們獲益良多。



佛教青年協會--香港弘法



慶祝

觀世音菩薩出家紀念日



住持法師為大眾燃燈祈福

二零零七年十月二十八日，上午由住持天因法師領眾共修，普佛一堂，法事莊嚴。法會開始時，更為大眾展開燃燈供佛之序幕。

開示時，法師以《觀世音菩薩普門品》先為大家介紹，觀世音菩薩是修耳根圓通法門，指示大眾如何稱唸觀世音菩薩之名號而能獲得菩薩的護佑；又解釋觀世音菩薩的願力，使與會信眾們法喜充滿。

下午法會開始前，所有參與的信徒均獲分發一瓶水；在住持法師及眾位法帶領下，虔誦普門品及大悲咒廿一遍；在大眾的願力、念力、咒力加持下，每一瓶水即是成為大悲咒水。而法會在下午三時結束，參與者共達一百三十餘眾。

當天於觀世音出家紀念法會結束後，舉辦三皈五戒儀式，禮本社住持天因法師為三皈五戒本師，法師勉勵求受三皈五戒者，應善護初心，護持道場，正精進，持戒清淨。此次受五戒者張家禮（心信）、朱素華（心華）、劉小梅（心學）是為同一家人，且是蓮社的義工，能同時發心學佛並求受五戒，成為滿分優婆夷，是為美國華嚴蓮社弘化史中之一段佳話。☸



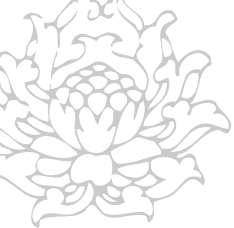
聞思修居士林弘法

聞思修居士林弘法 宣講華嚴經

每星期三法師在聞思修居士林宣講《華嚴經》，至今已經六年了，法師上課時是以第一個小時帶領大眾虔誦經文，第二小時則依於經文，對其義理作深入淺出的解說。授課設計在使學員們親近善知識，聞思修慧，解行並重，發菩提心，圓成佛道。

每星期三學員都在期待法師的到來。在課堂上更是聚精會神地聆聽法師的解說、法師字字珠璣，重重無盡的演暢華嚴妙義。使在座傾聽者、無不時地露出會心的微笑。☸





二〇〇七年 華嚴佛一



二〇〇七年九月三十日 美國華嚴蓮社逢每月第五個週日舉辦華嚴佛一，是日上午九時假大雄寶殿舉

行，由住持天因法師領眾共修，除常住眾法師之外，參與的信眾相當踴躍。在諸位法師的領眾下，眾人繞佛時整齊有序，人人口念佛號，步伐平穩，意念清晰。法會在常住法師與護法居士的護持協助下，信眾如法地在佛一當中，領悟古來大德剋期取證的念佛法味。

後由天能法師與信眾開示：法會在唱「祝文」時，也如佛成道之菩提場，願華嚴海會佛菩薩加持，信眾蒙佛光照，如願以求，佛果早圓。又開示稱唸：「南無大方廣佛華嚴經，華嚴海會佛菩薩」乃具足三寶，而此三寶又含括過去、現在、未來之三世與十方的三寶，是故功德力很大，並開示大眾能參與華嚴佛一，乃宿世善根福德之累積與顯現，應善自珍惜與把握。

而法會在下午三時，在眾緣和合之下，莊嚴地圓滿結束。☸

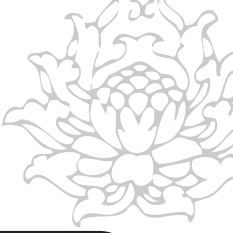


玉成老和尚冥誕

二〇〇七年九月九日 共修法會，適逢玉成尊宿祖師之154歲冥誕紀念日，於午供時假大雄寶殿舉行祖師供儀，住持天因法師並為與會大眾講說玉成尊宿之僧涯經歷及對佛教之貢獻。法師更帶動信眾齊唱『南無彌勒尊佛』後，與常住法師合照及發願，願常住興隆，道場清淨。☸

南無彌勒尊佛





飛躍未來

活動預告

1. 春季清明祭祖誦八十華嚴經
日期：April 6 - 13, 2008 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
2. 佛學經論講座 2008
日期：April 5, 2008
3. 週六佛學講座
華嚴道次第與生活
主講：住持天因法師
日期：April 26, 2008 - June 7, 2008
4. 佛陀聖誕浴佛法會
日期：May 11, 2008 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
5. 觀世音菩薩成道法會
日期：July 20, 2008 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
6. 八關齋戒 (詳情請留意公告 必須預先報名)
日期：June 29, 2008 (每月的第五個星期日)

每月慶生日

本蓮社於每月第四個週日，於禮拜藥師寶懺之餘，更為當月生日者慶生，歡迎預先報名及前來參加共修，以仗仰三寶加被，福慧增長，事事吉祥；法會中本社備有生日喜糕供佛供眾，又向當月壽星致送精美生日紀念品，歡迎參加，拈香禮佛，供齋結緣，隨喜功德！

每月定期共修會及活動

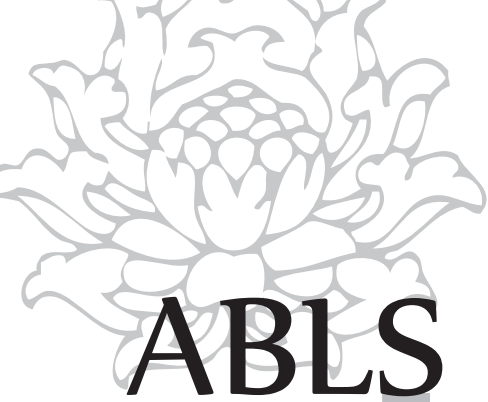
1. 每月第一個星期日：
虔誦華嚴經：上午9時起
法器班：3:30pm-5pm
2. 每月第二個星期日：
禮拜慈悲三昧水懺：上午9時起
法器班/插花班：3:30pm-5pm
3. 每月第三個星期日：
華嚴佛一：上午9時起
法器班/中醫義診：3:30pm-5pm
4. 每月第四個星期日：
禮拜藥師寶懺：上午9時起
法器班/中醫義診：3:30pm-5pm
5. 每月第五個星期日：
八關齋戒：上午9時起
法器班：3:30pm-5pm
6. 周六佛學班：
每星期六 7pm-8:30pm
7. 佛法開示：
每逢第一與第三週日 10:30am-11am

歡迎來稿 分享感受

維修佛寺 功德無量

觀音聖誕 燃燈祈福 光明遍照





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Introduction

Sik Tien Inn

Another year had passed by and we wish all of you filled with accomplishments in every matter, peacefulness among the families, development in wisdom and prosperity.

Avatamsaka Buddhist Lotus Society (ABLS) has been established for twenty years in the United States. Following the leadership of the Chairman Venerable Master Chen Yi and Vice Chairman Venerable Master Hsien Du, we maintain our focus on education, dharma, culture, and charity.

We successfully completed the main hall building project in 2005. Currently, we are preparing and collecting fund to start remodeling project of the old building. The City of Milpitas has sent a notice to maintain the building for safety regulations and codes. We understand that this project must get done and hope for parishioners to donate and support our reconstruction expense.

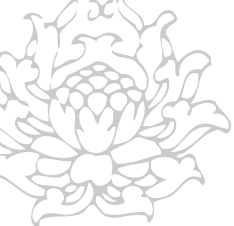
Every quarter, we will be publishing a newsletter to communicate our activities and events. The newsletter also contains a column named "Garden of Huayen" where anyone can provide perspectives or share ideas. We sincerely invite readers to let the pure fragrant lotus flowers fill in the "Garden of Huayen" column by sending their writings.

In April, in addition to regular programs, there will be "The Avatamsaka Sutra for Ching Ming Festival" and "The Buddhist Treatise Lectures 2008". In June, we are planning to open an Eight Precepts Retreat and hope that people have the chance to practice for tranquility to improve our mature mind and body. There will also be a Buddhism class on every Saturday night and different masters from ABLS will give series of lectures.



Best wishes
for future endeavors!





WELCOMING HONOR GUESTS

from Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in San Francisco

Mr. Mark W.P. Liao, Director General,
& Mr. Herbert Nien, Director



Picture with Mr. Mark W.P. Liao (front third from Left)

Milpitas, California

On December 7, 2007, ABLs hosted a vegetarian luncheon welcoming honor guests from Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in San Francisco, Mr. Mark W.P. Liao, Director General, and Mr. Herbert Nien, Director. Both honor guests were warmly welcomed by Abbess Tien Inn and her fellow Buddhist nuns, Ven. Tien Yung, Ven. Tien Ling, Ven. Tien Neng, and Ven. Tien Xing. In addition, distinguished supporters

of ABLs Dr. Ray Chen, David Ho, Woody Sun, Dennis Jang and Stone Shih attended this joyous event.

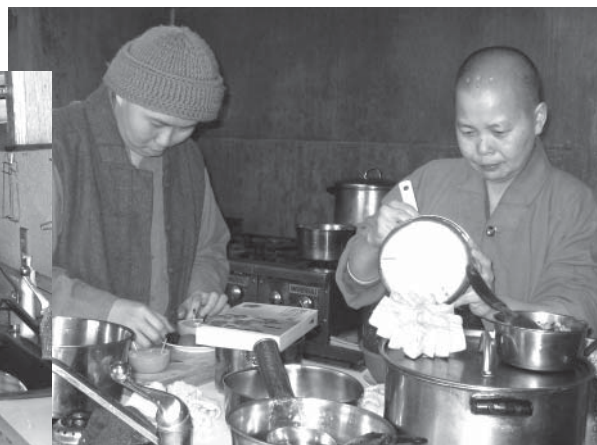
The purpose of this visit by Director General Liao and Director Nien is to recognize ABLs in providing serene and spirit for souls of immigrants in the Chinese American community. Director General Liao met Dr. Hsien Du, Vice Chairman of ABLs in Bay Area last year and also has met the founding ABLs –US branch Master Cheng Yi in Taiwan a few years back. Direc-

tor General Liao is a Buddhist and has exchanged Buddhist wisdom with Master Cheng Yi and Dr. Hsien Du.

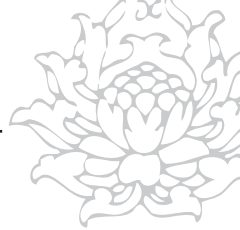
Abbess Tien Inn personally provided a guided tour in the new Grand Hall on the ground floor, and Maitreya Hall, library on the second floor prior to the luncheon. The meeting was concluded by 2:30 PM. The day was filled with Dharma wisdom for everyone. ☸



Welcoming Mr. Mark W.P. Liao, Director General



Master Tien Inn (Left), Tien Yung (upper Left) and Tien Ling helping in the kitchen



REPENTANCE SUTRA OF THE LIANG EMPEROR



Avatamsaka Buddhist Lotus Society held the year-end service of Repentance Sutra of the Liang Emperor from December 23-30, 2007. This liturgy was divided into three sections.

The first section, started at 9 a.m. from De-

cember 23-29. Abbess Venerable Tien Inn respectfully presided over the service. ABLS provided vegetarian lunches for their devotees. At 3 p.m. our Masters and their devotees chanted one chapter of the Sutra of the Past Vows of Earth Store Bodhisattva ("SPVESB"). On December 29, we especially chanted one full SPVESB. The purpose of chanting the above two Sutras are for deceased to reborn to a pureland. Around 120 people had participated. Afterwards we held the Precepts Ceremony for Beings from the Lower Realms.

The second section, the Longevity Dharma Service was held on December 30 at 9 a.m. On the same day the last section, known as the Amitabha Triple



Contemplation Dharma Service started at 2 p.m. and ended at 7 p.m. More than 200 devotees attended.

This Dharma Service was successfully completed. We are taking this opportunity to thank all our Masters and volunteers for their assistance and coordination. We also thank Master Chen Yi and Vice-President Master Hsien Du for their spiritual support. We especially thank Ven. Tin Xing from Taiwan, Ven. Tuan Ti, Ven. Tuan Neng and Ven. Fa Chun from Singapore for their attendance. ☸

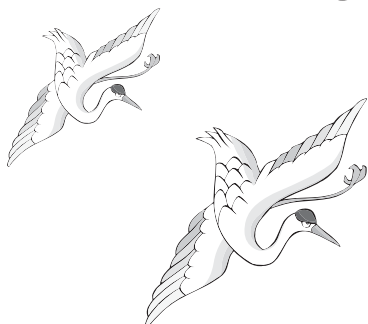


Abbess Venerable Tien Inn respectfully presided over the service



All Masters who joined the Dharma Service





CEREMONY OF SEALING THE CASKET



Master Yuan-Kuo, the founder of Avatamsaka Buddhist Lotus Society (“ABLS”) at Houston, United States passed away on December 8, 2007.

On December 16, on behalf of ABLS, Ven. Tien Yung and Ven. Tien Ling attended the Ceremony of Sealing the Casket. More than 400 people participated.

At 10 a.m. Ven. Abbot Hung I from the Jade Buddha Temple presided over the service. After chanting, Ven. Hung I had a dharma speech. The devotee rep-

resentatives also gave speeches in memory of the Master.

At 11:50 a.m. Ven. Hung I held the Memorial Ceremony for Master Yuan-Kuo followed by the Ceremony of Light Fire for Cremation at 1:30 p.m.

In this ceremony, not only representatives from the banking, commercial and buddhist societies participated, the City and the State government members also attended and gave speeches. ☸

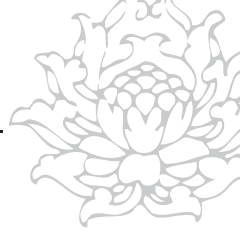


Master Yuan-Kuo
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DHARMA LECTURES IN HONG KONG

On November 2-5, Abbess Ven. Tien Inn visited her relatives in Hong Kong and conducted Dharma Lectures at the Buddhist Youth Association. The topic is: Avatamsaka Sutra Entry into the Realm of Reality. Ven. Tien Inn presents the Sudhana by PowerPoint. More than 80 people attended each day. Among the audience, some are fellow Dharma Masters as well as people new to Buddhism. Although it is only a short-term class, all the devotees are looking forward to lectures of the Venerable in the coming years. ☸





GUANYIN'S ANNIVERSARY




We celebrated Goddess of Mercy, Guanyin's anniversary dedicating herself to take vow to Buddhism on October 28, 2007. On that day, Abbess Venerable Tien Inn conducted the ceremony by lightening a candle that represents our wishes for Dharma wisdom.

Abbess Venerable Tien Inn introduced the vow of Guan Yin Bodhisattva to the devotees and everyone was filled with blessing and happiness.

After the introduction, the devotees followed the lead of master Venerable Tien Inn, sincerely recited the great compassion verse twenty- one times. During the recitation, with everyone had a water bottle in front, our unity



and combined strength, the water bottle was blessed. The ceremony was successfully completed with a great happiness.

After celebration there were five ladies to take refuge in the Triple Gem and the Five Precepts from the Venerable Master Tien Inn. The Venerable Master Tien Inn taught them about the meaning of taking refuge in the Triple Gem and Five Precepts. She also taught them to diligently stride forward to study and support Dharma, to practice good deeds, and to cultivate for greater wisdoms and virtues. 


PREACHES AT BODHI WAY ASSOCIATION

It has been six years since Venerable Tien Inn started to preach the Avatamsaka Sutra at Bodhi Way Association every Wednesdays.

During the session, Venerable makes a point to lead her students to recite the Sutra for the first hour, then follow by an hour of explanation of the sutra recited. She explains the profound knowledge of the sutra using simple, clear and easily understandable illustrations.

This methodology of teaching enables the students to learn the Sutra meaning and also put the knowledge into practical usage. Thus, Venerable Tien Inn is leading us to perfect enlightenment.

Every Wednesdays, the students

anticipate the Venerable arrival and listen very attentively during the lesson, revealing the profound Truth of the Avatamsaka Sutra. 





ONE-DAY WORSHIP OF AVATAMSAKA BUDDHA


SEP. 30, 2007

The Avatamsaka Buddhist Lotus Society of USA held One- Day Worship of Avatamsaka Buddha on the fifth Sunday of September. There were many worshippers participating beside eternal-abiding masters. At 9AM, the Abbot of the temple, Tien-Yin Master, lead all worshippers in a line chanting and walking around the Grand Buddha Hall. Every one walked calmly, chanted Buddha's name with great concentration. With the support from eternal-abiding masters and volunteers, every worshipper could realize how the most virtuous Buddhists of the past get enlightenment while chanting Buddha's name till timelessness.

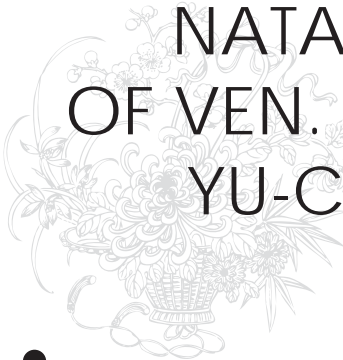


After the ceremony, Tien-Nan Master lectured the truth of Buddhism. Then during the reciting of a paragraph of blessing, it was everyone's to wish to be blessed by Buddhas and Bodhisattvas of Avatamsaka, to be shined by Buddhas' light. And everyone wished that his or her path to Buddha could be greatly shortened. Also during the lecture, everyone chanted: "Blessed be the Great Avatamsaka Scripture of the Buddha's Expanded Mahayana Teaching, as well as Buddhas and


Bodhisattvas in the Avatamsaka's assembly". These sentences included Three Precious Ones – Buddha, Dharma, Sangha. Three Precious Ones spanned from past, to present and to future. Their merits and powers were tremendous. Worshippers were fortunate that they could immersed into the merit sea.

The ceremony, with the concatenation of cause and effect in the whole range of existence, was solemnly ended at 3 p.m. 

THE 154TH NATAL DAY OF VEN. ELDER YU-CHENG

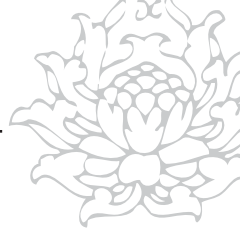


September 9, 2007, was the day of Repentance by reciting the Merciful Samadhi Water Scripture. It was also the 154th Natal Day of Ven. Elder Yu-Cheng. Abess Master Tien Inn talked about his life, contribution to Buddhism.

Abess vowed and wished: all attendants achieve buddhahood. 

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

• *Light Offering to Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva* •

Every year we conduct three Light Offering services to Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva and 2008 schedules are as follows:

- 1) March 23, 2008 is celebration of Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva's birthday.
- 2) July 20, 2008 is celebration of Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva's enlightened day.
- 3) October 12, 2008 is celebration of Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva's left home day.

On the Light Offering services to Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva we recite sutra in the morning. In the afternoon, we recite the Great Compassionate Mantra for twenty one times and pray to Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva to bless the Great Compassionate Water.

We cordially invite devotees to join for Light Offering services and share merits on the above celebration days. Please contact our office to register for Light Offering services.

• *Sharing Perspectives in "Garden of Huayen"* •

"Garden of Huayen" is a section created in our quarterly newsletter and open for Buddhist devotees to place their writings. We cordially invite everyone to share your experiences, perspectives, and ideas by submitting your short notes or essays on topics related to Buddhist study, activities, and events.

Please email to : ling.abls@gmail.com

• *Monthly Birthday Celebration* •

Avatamsaka Buddhist Lotus Society celebrates the month of the birthday people on the last Sunday of each month. Anyone who would like to be blessed with good wishes and prayers during your birthday month, please contact us for the details.

2008 CURRENT & UP-COMING ACTIVITIES

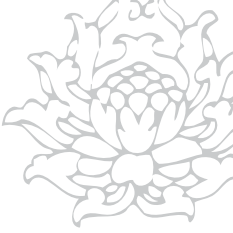
1. Chanting the Avatamsaka Sutra for Ching Ming Festival
Date: April 6 – 13, 2008 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
2. Buddhist Treatise Lectures 2008
Date: April 5, 2008
3. Saturday Dharma Lectures by Abbess Ven Tien Inn
Date: April 26, 2008 – June 7, 2008
4. Bathing the Buddha Celebration
Date: May 11, 2008 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
5. Celebration of Guan Shih Yin
(Avalokiteshvara) Bodhisattva Enlightenment
Date: July 20, 2008 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
6. Eight Precepts Retreat
Date: June 29, 2008

Please visit our website for more details. Thank You !

• *Funds Needed for Building Renovation* •

The City of Milpitas has notified the Avatamsaka Buddhist Lotus Society to repair the old building to be compliant with the city's safety regulations. We are reaching out to our Buddhist devotees to support for this project with any monetary amount. Please send us a check or contact our office for your donation to old building renovation and we greatly appreciate your support.





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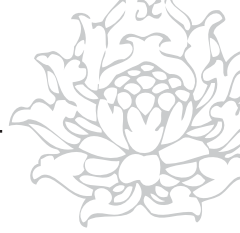
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