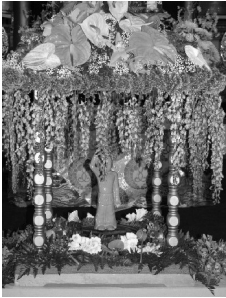


DHARMA SCHOOL NEWS



On April 5, the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple celebrated Hanamatsuri with a day filled with much fun and inspiration. The featured speaker at the service was Rev Koyo Kubose from the Institute for American Buddhism. His talk was very inspirational. The service also included a rousing version of “Unwritten” sung by the Dharma School and adult choir backed by the house band, Bad Karma. Of course the centerpiece of the altar was the beautiful Hanamido constructed under the very able supervision of Amy Yoshida. The service also served to welcome the new members to the temple.



Following the service, the Dharma School students entertained us with a Horaku program that did not disappoint. The Happiness Class sang “Hotoke Sama”

backed by the Happiness Class Parent Choir and the Dana Class ukulele group. The Lotus Class sang “Long Ago in India” complete with beautiful illustrations made by the children.



The Truth’s Disciple class did a skit based on American Idol called “Dharma School Idol” that featured some superb acting. The Dana Class followed with a skit entitled “Mindfulness” that also featured some superb acting. The Satori Class filled in the gaps between the acts and was the emcee for the show. They of course got their pizza on stage per tradition.



Following the Horaku program the Sangha was treated to the “best pot-luck in town” otoki lunch. It was certainly a jam-packed fun-filled and inspiring day.

On Saturday May 9th the Dharma School will be having their annual car wash to raise funds for the Japan trip fund. After the Dharma School trip to Japan in 2006, it was decided to have a similar trip every five years so that each Dharma School family would have a chance to go. The purpose of the fund is to help subsidize the expenses for the trip. Please come and bring your dirty cars to the temple on May 9th between the hours of 10 AM and 3 PM.

In June, the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple will be having their annual graduation service on June 7th. Graduates from both high school and college will be recognized at the service. We would like to honor all the graduates so if you know of a graduate who should be recognized at this service, please contact me, Carl Yanari, or the temple office by May 15th.

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