

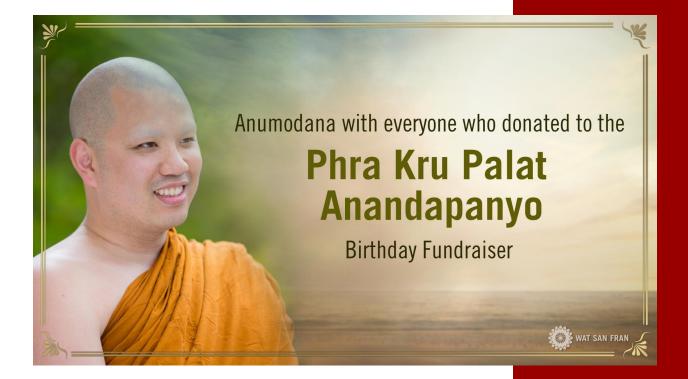
Quarterly Newsletter Summer 2023



Greetings, Wat San Fran Members!

It's been a busy six months, and summer has arrived. Let's catch you up with what we've been working on and what we have planned for the future. Check out our second quarterly newsletter for more information.

San Fran Dhammaram Temple's Fundraisers



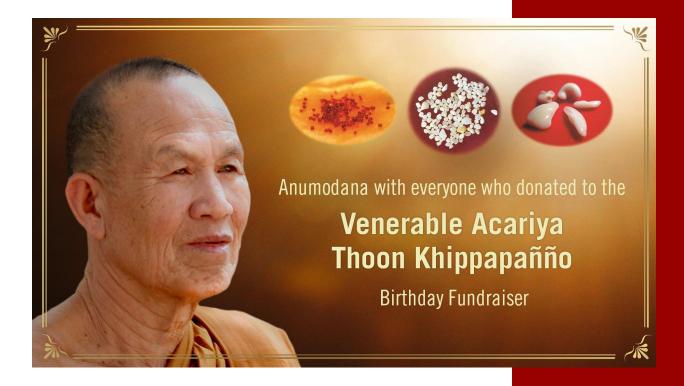
Apr 3 Birthday Fundraiser

Anumodana with everyone who donated to the Apr 3 Birthday Fundraiser.

We used this generous amount to support many projects, including: Khippapañño Trang's flooring project (our donations helped close the project!), the "Fixing the Pipes" project at Wat San Fran, buying mulch and paint for Akaliko and Wat San Fran, operating costs of the WSF Animation Project, costs of health insurance for one month for all the monks and nuns at Wat San Fran, and Wat Pa Ban Koh's fundraiser supporting sick monks who come for care at the Luangpu Mun Bhuridatta Hospital Ward for The Sangha, Srinagarind Hospital, Khon Kaen, Thailand.

All together, this great merit could not have been made without you! We hope that you anumodana with each other and remember the merit you contributed to.

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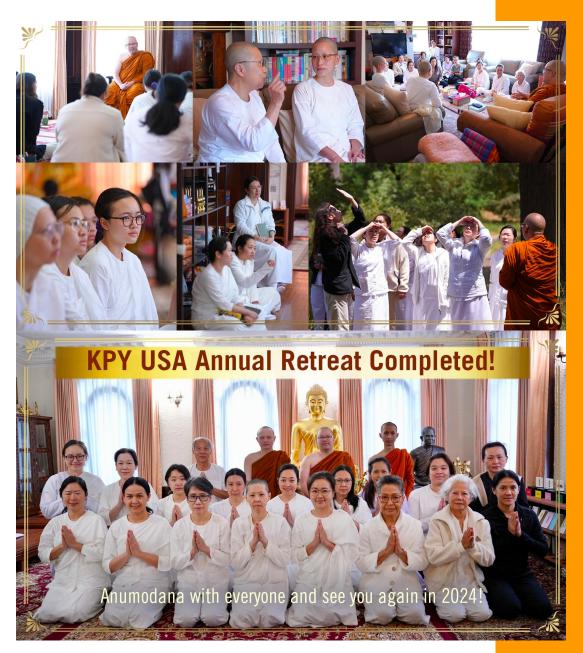


May 20 Birthday Fundraiser

Anumodana with everyone who donated to the May 20 Birthday Fundraiser. It is a special day for us, as it marks Venerable Acariya Thoon Khippapañño's birthday, the anniversary of Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo's ordination, and Mae Chee Neecha's birthday.

These donations went toward: operating costs of the Wat San Fran's animation project, the Sangha Meeting at Washington Buddhavanaram in Washington State this month, costs of the ordination hall at New York Dhammaram Temple, operating costs of the 2023 KPY USA Annual Retreat, the cost of utilities at the San Fran Dhammaram Temple, sponsoring one main arched entrance at Wat Samphanthawong, Bangkok, Wat Pa Ban Koh's "Sanctuary of Dhamma" project, and the printing cost of the 2024 San Fran Dhammaram calendar.

Recent Activity



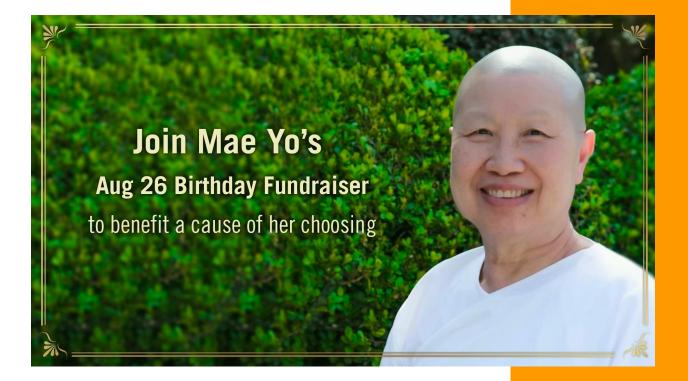
KPY USA Annual Retreat 2023

The KPY USA annual retreat program just completed!

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who participated in this year's 2023 retreat. We hope that you will carry the Dhamma with you, recognize impermanence, changing wrong views to right views, practicing the right views to illuminate your path, and achieve your aspirations.

Anumodana with all of you.

Upcoming Fundraiser



Aug 26 Birthday Fundraiser

Mae Chee Yo is a principal founder and lead teacher at San Fran Dhammaram Temple and one of Venerable Acariya Thoon Khippapañño's foremost students. Every year, we hold a birthday fundraiser benefiting a cause of her choosing.

To donate: Venmo | PayPal | DonorBox

Religious Activities

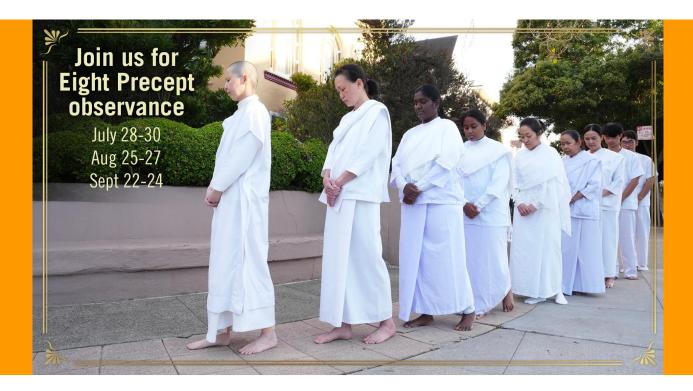


New York Dhammaram Temple

New York Dhammaram Temple had been working on the construction of an ordination hall (uposatha), and the project is now completed!

To commemorate the project, the New York temple hosted an Uposatha opening event on June 17-18 at New York Dhammaram Temple in Corona, New York. The ceremony included ceremonial chanting to open the Uposatha. Additionally, "Louk Nimit," round stones buried in the ground to symbolize the sacred boundaries of the temple, were installed during the event. Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo and Phra Palat Apichai Apichayo attended on behalf of San Fran Dhammaram Temple.

Upcoming Events



Eight Precept Observance

Join us for the next observance on the following dates: July 28-30 Aug 25-27 Sept 22-24 Oct 27-29 Nov 10-12 Dec 29 - Jan 1

You will formally receive the Eight Precepts when you arrive. You will participate in daily chantings, lunch offerings, hear sermons, and read Dhamma books. If you have any questions, the monks and nuns are happy to guide you in your search for answers. Participants are allowed to spend the night at the temple (men) or Akaliko (women).

Upcoming Events



Asalha Puja Day

Asalha Puja commemorates the day when the Buddha delivered his first post-enlightenment sermon to the Five Ascetics (pañcavaggiya) in the Sarnath Deer Park. This "setting the wheel of Dhamma into motion" discourse outlined the essence of Buddhism: the Four Noble Truths and the Noble Eightfold Path.

This year, Asalha Puja falls on Tuesday, August 1 and the vassa (three-month rains retreat) begins on Wednesday, August 2. You are invited to join us for the traditional ceremonies on those dates. However, we will also observe Asalha Puja and the start of the vassa on Sunday, July 30, 2023.

Sunday, July 30, 2023 10:30 a.m. Alms round 11:00 a.m. Lunch offering 11:10 a.m. Sermon by Phra Kru Palat Anandapanyo 12:00 p.m. Vassa candle offering and Sangha-dana 12:30 p.m. Chanting 12:45 p.m. Candle procession ceremony

For more information call: (415) 753-0857 or email: watsanfran@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events



Kathina

Please join us in sponsoring and attending San Fran Dhammaram Temple's 2023 Kathina fundraiser event at the Hall of Flowers (9th Ave & Lincoln Way) in Golden Gate Park.

The funds raised by this year's Kathina will go towards paying the remaining mortgage \$1,836,744.92 of Akaliko (our women's practice center), the cost of operating the temple, travel expenses for monks, covering the cost of health insurance, YouTube projects such as Animated Buddhist Stories, and the operating costs of the Wat San Fran School.

Sunday, November 12, 2023 10:00 a.m. Alms round 10:30 a.m. Food offering 12:00 p.m. Sangha-dana offering 12:30 p.m. Kathina ceremony 2:30 p.m. Performance by Wat San Fran School students

Sponsorship levels: \$1,000 principal sponsor | \$100 group sponsor

To donate: Venmo | PayPal | DonorBox

Save the Dates

- Jul 30, 2023 Asalha Puja event
- Aug 1, 2023 Asalha Puja day
- Aug 2, 2023 Start of the vassa
- Aug 5, 2023 Wat San Fran School graduation day
- Oct 29, 2023 End of the vassa
- Nov 12, 2023 San Fran Dhammaram Temple's 2023 Kathina

*Eight Precept Observance (every month)

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Ways to Give

Checks made payable to:

San Fran Dhammaram Temple 2645 Lincoln Way San Francisco, CA 94122

Venmo to: @watsanfran



PayPal Giving Fund



paypal.com/us/fundraiser/ charity/1902037

If donating through Venmo or PayPal, please include a note/memo about which project you wish to donate and send your transaction receipt to LINE: @watsanfran or Email: watsanfran@yahoo.com. For more information, call (415) 753-0857.

*We are a 501(c)(3) charity, so your donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Wat San Fran School



Summer semester began on June 5, 2023. The students will learn Thai language, Thai music, and a Buddhism course which will focus on the foundations of Buddhism, learning morality through the Jataka stories, and Pali chanting. The students also enjoy helping around the temple and offering food to monks and nuns during the lunch offering time.

Wat San Fran School graduation day will take place on August 5, 2023. The event will take place at 1-3 p.m. at Lake Merced Boathouse, San Francisco. Please join us to support Wat San Fran students.



Now hiring Thai Language

Teacher Spring & Fall semester

(Sep - May) Sat & Sun

Summer semester (Jun - Aug) Sun - Thu

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (415) 753-0857 or email us at watsanfran@yahoo.com Wat San Fran School is looking to hire a Thai teacher to join our team. The teacher will be expected to help teach children ages 5-15 Thai language and culture, Buddhism, and to help prepare for school events.

Requirements

- Fluency in Thai
- Conversational English
- Ability to create course/teaching materials to enhance Thai language skills
- Calm, quick-witted, adaptable and able to quickly solve problems on the fly
- Ability to get along with children ages 5-15 years old
- Prior teaching experience or certifications will be given priority
- Authorization to live and work in the U.S.
- We have a teaching curriculum that you can use as a guide for teaching activities
- Pay: \$16.99/hour

"Happiness is laced with an indisputable truth–impermanence. Sometimes, you are happy and then suffering follows. Thus, happiness causes suffering and suffering can cause happiness. You should contemplate these two topics regularly."

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Venerable Ācariya Thoon Khippapañño

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