

Publications Committee report for June, 2018,

JUDY: Work continues on the effort to translate portions of Kobun's thesis, dating from the 1960's at Kyoto University. It is centered on the work of 4th Century Indian scholar, Vasubandhu and his half-brother, Asanga. The title, "Asraya-paravrtti," means something like transformation of the basis, and refers to the practice which leads to enlightenment. This thesis is evidence of the intellectual underpinnings of Kobun's teaching, and hence of interest to students in his lineage. Since Judy doesn't read or understand either Sanskrit or Japanese, it is an uphill trek to arrive at some sense of the topic and it's relevance to practice. Saeko Ginestet is providing an interpretation of the kanji, which is roughly 2/3 of the contents. Books and internet references supply some interpretations of the Sanskrit portion of the theses. Michael Peterson has transmitted the original to U.C. Berkeley's Buddhist archives.

Forty copies of "Kobun's Teaching on Platform Sutra" and fifty copies of "Kobun's Talks on Heart Sutra" were added to the shelf of books for sale in the community room.