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TIBETAN ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Tibetan Association of Philadelphia (TAP) is a non-profit organization 501(c) (3) founded in 2002 in the State of Pennsylvania. It strives to preserve and promote the unique Tibetan cultural, tradition, language and further the just cause of Tibet. The Tibetan Association is committed to the principle of non-violence and considers His Holiness the Dalai Lama as the Spiritual leader of Tibet. It abides to the policies and guidelines of the Central Tibetan Administration based in India.

## TAP AIMS & OBJECTIVES

- To preserve and promote the Tibetan people's distinct religious and cultural heritage
- To raise awareness about the Chinese occupation of Tibet and the plights of the Tibetan people
- To strengthen the unity among Tibetans
- To promote His Holiness Dalai Lama's message of love, compassion and kindness
- To educate the younger generation of Tibetan-Americans about their history, religion and culture

## 2017 BOARD MEMBERS

President- Kunga Chodar Dagpo

Vice President- Choden Wangmo

Secretary- Tenzin Tsetan

Treasurer- Tenzin Rabzay

Auditor- Jampa Dickey

Director, Sunday School - Lobsang Thupten

## OUR YEAR

**1/18/2017**

Dance performed at 76ers stadium by TAP youth members.



**2/22/2017**

Lhakar at Unitarian Church and sponsored by Lobsang Thuten la. Kungo Shawa la spoke to the community about Losar and his lifetime experience of Losar back in Tibet and in exile.

**1/25/2017**

Lhakar at Unitarian church and sponsored by Jampa Dickey's family and special guest speaker that day. Serza Lobsang is a Tibetan Artist/activist/filmmaker is coming to Philadelphia to present us the unknown, ongoing issues of our homeland, which is turning into Desert without a trace

**3/4/2017**

Losar at Mongolian Temple.

**3/10/2017**

Tibetans from the Tibetan community in Philadelphia came together in the freezing rain and snowstorm on March 10th to commemorate the Tibetan National Uprising Day. The march started from the Philadelphia City Hall heading down to the Independence Mall in front of the Liberty Bell whilst chanting slogans.



## 3/27/2017 - 3/28/2017

Lobby day Tibetan-Americans and Tibet supporters from all across the United States will gather in Washington, D.C. on March 27th and 28th to raise the awareness of Members of Congress and staffers to the situation in Tibet and to call for stronger US support. 5 Tibetans from the Tibetan community in Philadelphia attended Lobby Day to meet with our senators, Pat Toomey and Bob Casey Jr. along with 5 PA congressmen.

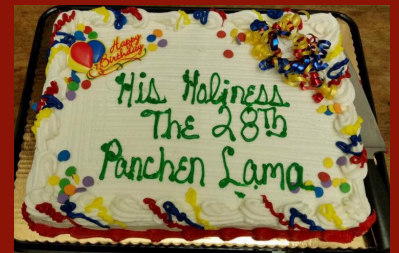


## 4/22/2017

6th Anniversary of Tibetan Sunday school program.

## 4/26/2017

Lhakar hosted by Sonam Dhawo's family and celebrated 28 birthday of 11th Penchen Lama



## 3/29/2017

March Lhakar sponsored by Dechen Kunsang la. Prayer session by the Tibetan Community in condolence to the passing away of Dechen Kunsang la's mother and recent self immolation of a Tibetan Farmer, Pema Gyaltzen.

## 5/31/2017

Lhakar sponsored by Thupten Monlam la at Unitarian Church and Special prayer session by Gomang monks.



**6/11/2017**

Religious teaching by Sera Jhe Khe Rinpochen at Unitarian Church.



**7/4/2017**

Participated in July 4th Parade of Philadelphia. About 65 members of our community participated in the parade.



**7/23/2017**

Ninth annual Tibet fest in Clark Park at 4300 Baltimore Ave, PA 19143.



**6/28/2017**

Lhakar sponsored by Phula and Passang at Unitarian Church

**7/8/2017**

Celebrated His Holiness's 82 birthdays at Fort Washington State Park.

**7/26/2017**

Lhakar hosted by Shakya la's family at Unitarian Church and on the same day, guest Violet law, an American translator and journalist who talked about Tsering Woesser's book.



**8/30/2017**

Lhakar hosted by Sonam la's family at his house.

**9/27/2017**

Lhakar hosted by Chungdak's family member at Unitarian church.

**11/18/2017**

TAP new board member election 2017 at Lincoln church.

**10/21/2017**

Gold medal and liberty medal awarded to his holiness the Dalai Lama.



**9/10/2017**

North America Tibetan Association (NATA) conference attended by President Kunga Dagpo and Auditor Jampa Dickey.



**10/18/2017-10/19/2017**

Men-tsee Khang provided consultation in Tibetan medicine as well as astrological consultation.

**10/25/2017**

Lhakar hosted by Tsering Norbu la's family.

**11/25/2017 - 11/26/2017**

Hosted two day Tibetan Bazaar at  
Ethical Society of Philadelphia  
10am-5pm.



**12/21/2017**

Dance performed at  
76ers stadium by  
TAP youth members.

**12/10/2017**

Peace March rally held in  
New York on Noble  
Peace Prize day.



**12/31/2017**

New Year's Eve.



