



## Happy 2011!

### A Few Special Dates for Your Calendar

We may still be stuck in winter, but the groundhog has promised an early spring, and this year spring brings with it these special observances and events:

**Losar (Tibetan New Year) – March 5, 2011.**

This March marks the start of the year of the Iron Rabbit, 2138.

**Rinpoche's 50th Birthday Celebration in Kathmandu – March 6 and 7, 2011.**

Registrations are no longer being accepted for this occasion, but we can all celebrate by adding to the growing number of long-life mantra recitations in honor of the birthday of Geshe Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche. [Learn more &gt;](#)

**First Live Internet Broadcast of 2011 – April 17, 12 noon – 1:15 pm Eastern Time (New York time).**

A guided dzogchen practice with Geshe Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche.

[View the full schedule of live Webcasts &gt;](#)

Now is the time to register for the **June 24 fundraising dinner with esteemed guest His Holiness Lungtok Tenpai Nyima Rinpoche,** who will be joined on the eve of the summer retreat by Geshe Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche during a special fundraising dinner to benefit orphans at Menri Monastery.

[More details &gt;](#)

More schedule items will arrive with the next issue of *VOCL*, when we expect to have news about an upcoming retreat at Serenity Ridge with H.E. Menri Lopon Trinley Nyima Rinpoche, head instructor of Menri Monastery in India; and about the fall retreat with Geshe Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche (hint: See Rinpoche's book [Healing With Form, Energy and Light](#)).

All our best for a Happy Year of the Iron Rabbit!

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