

## DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

Curious what fellow members go through as they share Buddhism? Check out the following dialogue among 17-year-old Barbara Frazier of Killeen, 35-year-old Janet Fleschner of Dallas and 23-year-old James Kubiak of Austin...

**QUESTION:** *What's a great way to introduce a new person to the practice?*

**Barbara:** Get to know the person and as you get to know them they will share their problems with you. It's important to create friendship and build trust.

**QUESTION:** *What do you tell your friends when they ask about Buddhism?*

**Janet:** I really listen to people and see what they are seeking. I tell them that they can break the chains that are holding them down by chanting.

**Barbara:** I tell them it's not the stereotypical scene you might see in a movie. We are fighting for world peace and in order to accomplish this goal we have to start with and change our own lives.

**QUESTION:** *What are the challenges in creating an introductory meeting?*

**James:** Making people feel comfortable, having the enthusiasm to share.

**QUESTION:** *How can we overcome these challenges?*

**James:** Lots of daimoku!

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