

WORLD TRIBUNE MAILBOX

Don't Forget Anyone

I was touched by the picture caption from the *World Tribune's* "Friends for Peace" issue of Nov. 7, 1997, in which people who were in the kitchen and those "not shown" but belonging to the group of Edisto Island were cited in the caption.... People who are not cited and are forgotten about will tend to feel like they don't belong to the group and not want to participate. It is important to treat everybody equally in a group.... Everyone has an equally important role for kosen-rufu, whether it be leading a discussion meeting, coordinating district activities, tending to a sick family member, propagating to neighbors, taking care of the time-consuming, work-related responsibilities or spending hours creating masterpieces for kosen-rufu. Whatever group or district we belong to, we must, each of us, not forget any one of our fellow members,...according them each the same care and consideration even if it is in just mentioning their names and lauding them for taking care of whatever they need to in their lives.

— MARC GINSBURG, New York

Connected to the Real World

I stopped reading the *World Tribune* about five years ago. I had subscribed for years and years, but the paper became, in my view, numbingly repetitious and simple-minded. Recently, a fellow member gave me some recent back issues, and I can hardly describe my astonishment at the change. Quotes from the AA Big Book, references to therapy, opinion pieces that reflect a wide spectrum of concerns — this was unthinkable just a short time ago. The breadth and depth of the articles has really expanded. I'd like to congratulate the staff and the SGI membership in general for developing the *World Tribune* into a publication that's finally connected to the real world.

— ANN ANDERSON, Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Another Thought on Happiness

In response to Michael Lisagor's "Perspective," "There's More to Happiness Than Being Happy" (Jan. 16), I am reminded of something SGI President Ikeda said in *Life, An Enigma, A Precious Jewel*. He said: "True happiness is not born of escape; ecstasy based on delusion does not continue. Enlightenment comes from seeing the truth, no matter how unpleasant it may be."

My understanding of chanting for someone's happiness and for their suffering to be removed means I am praying for their eyes to be opened so they can see what it is they need to see in order to fulfill their dreams.

Without getting caught up on what word to use for happiness, I find I am the most fulfilled when I am simply being myself and observing life without judgment.

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