

The Fine Print

GREETINGS

We would like to send warm greetings and best wishes to all the wonderful friends we have met while participating in Soka Gakkai activities since 1968 in Misawa and Yokota, Japan, Great Falls, MT, Tampa, FL, Great Lakes, IL, Stockton and Sacramento, CA.

Jerry Farr

Kikue Watanabe Farr

Gina Farr-Anderson

Perfect timing! The May 1st issue had a story on Sandy Patrick — my former leader. I wondered if I could reach her somehow. There were several instances where her guidance was incredibly helpful. I'm sure there are others who feel the same. Be well, Sandy, I think of you often.

Dorie Houser, Las Vegas

I've been a SGI member for 19 years and have practiced consistently during that time. I am the 46 year old mother of 3 children and 1 grandchild. In 1997, I moved from Indianapolis, Indiana., to go to the Florida Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine in St. Petersburg, Florida. I love the organization and the members. I never go anywhere without contacting the members in that place.

Denice M. Gaddie

To Jan Martinez, L.A., Calif.

Aloha from Hawaii.... Hi Jan, remember me? Kapi'olani, on the white Harley? I want to thank you for introducing me to the Daishonin's Buddhism and the SGI. I practice and study faithfully, and will soon receive my Gohonzon. Thank you again and hope to hear from you.

Aloha, Kapi

To Harold, our beloved brother:

Ultimately, whether we are victorious in our lives and throughout the three existences of past, present and future, is determined by our efforts today; it is determined by our resolve at this moment."

We continue to pray for your good health and eagerly await our family reunion in the very near future. Happy birthday on August 7!

Please keep chanting. We love you. We miss you. NEVER GIVE UP!!!

Love, Michael and Tracey

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

"Faith alone is what really matters" — Nichiren. That's the quote that greeting card writer and SGI-USA member LaVora Perry turned in to her editor at American Greetings when she was asked for a religious quote to put on a blank card for the company's African American card line, Baobab Tree. Currently the card is the top seller in its category. "That quote always lifts my spirits, that's why I chose it," says LaVora. "I thought it would be encouraging to a wide range of people, whether or not they are Buddhists or African American. If someone reads the card and wants to learn more about Nichiren, all the better." The card features a smiling, brown-skin angel and brightly colored art.

A clarinet, saxophone, flute player and music arranger for the US Navy Band, Patrick Hawes of Gurnee, Illinois, received the following award recently: NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT

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MEDAL for outstanding achievement in the superior performance of his duties. Petty Officer Hawes demonstrated an extremely high level of proficiency on both clarinet and saxophone.

Joseph Brawer-Smith of Arlington, VA, will be the recipient of an award of superior academic achievement by the Civic Coalition for Minority Affairs. He is ten years old and attends Patrick Henry Elementary. He is in the fourth grade and participates in the Boys and Girls group in Northern Virginia. Both his parents are SGI members and extremely proud of his accomplishments: Congratulations, son. You are a winner! Keep up the Chanting!

My daughter Zahra Hall on your 18th birthday, June 22, 1998. Congratulations for graduating with an A average from high school. Congratulations upon receiving an academic and basketball scholarship to college. First Buddhist WNBA. Congratulations for challenging my being in prison and your mother being deceased. Your mom is now happy and at ease. Congratulations for championing the just cause of doing your human revolution at "my mother's house"! ...Stay connected to the SGI family NO MATTER WHAT! I love you my daughter! Thanks for being a fortune child.

Ambbee Henri Happi Hall

Congratulations to Duemece Martinez-Aragon, SGI-USA member in Pueblo, Colorado, for receiving her degree from the University of Southern Colorado in Political Science. Duemece and husband Dan have 6-year-old Devene and a second child due in June. Best wishes from family and friends in your continued studies.

To Teresa Smith and Nancy Chambers:

Congratulations on your graduation from Cal State Northridge. May you be successful in your future endeavors.

Your friend, Tanya Nelson

I would like to congratulate my wife, Nancy, on making 16 years of practice, May 22, 1998, and for continuing to always "go to the Gohonzon" first when dealing with any and all problems. She's my #1 Favorite Person!

Husband, Rick

LOST & FOUND

I am looking for Marilyn Fr. and Susan Gar. (maiden names). We were roommates together at 125 Park Street in Brookline during the early days of our practice. I am so sorry to have lost touch with you. If you read this, please contact me at simpattico@aol.com or call (212) 315-1251.

Love, Patti

I have been practicing since 1972. There are many people around the country that I have introduced to this practice that I have lost track of. Now that my heart is beginning to open up I would like to know how they are doing. Would it be possible to print this along with my name, address and phone number?

MariLynn Lorenz, 2745 Common, Warren, MI 48092; (810) 558-9321.

Does anybody know the whereabouts — so I can contact — longtime SGI member — Alex Ballintyne — used to live in San Francisco early '80s. Please e-mail merepeace@rmci.net or call (208) 338-9667. Ask for Angie. Thank you.

MILESTONES

Carrie Diane Rogers and Donald William Sanders were married Saturday, April 11, 1998 in Malibu, California.

Here at last! Erika and Patrick Monis born on April 13, 1998. Happy parents are Victor and Kay Monis and delighted grandparents are George and Yuriko Fujioka of Honolulu, Hawaii.

My mother, Ruth A. Hubbard, passed away on April 29, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. after a short illness. She was 97 years old. She joined NSA in April 1968 and was about to start her 31st year. She was truly a pioneer and was an inspiration to everyone who met her (WT, Tuesday, January 1, 1991 article). A memorial service was held at the Chicago Cultural Center on Sunday, June 7, 1998.

Skip Hubbard

New arrival born May 3, 1998. Dylan Shien-Ping Hung. Parents: Ken & Cheryl Hung, leaders in San Jose, Ca. Congratulations!

*Richard & Nancy Owens,
Paradise, Ca.*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY MOM AND DAD!!! June 7, 1998. Eric and Bonnie Ann Dela Cruz of Kahului, Maui, Hawaii.

Me Ke Aloha Pumehana,

*Makanani and Kahealani
Dela Cruz*

Victoria and Keith Brown of SGI-Kentucky (Louisville) hope you will join them in welcoming their son, Satchel Louis Brown to the world. Satchel was born May 9, 1998, and was 9 1/2 pounds, 21 inches. They wish him a long, happy life and practice.

Best wishes to Alex and Teresa Ruby on their milestone birthdays in July. You guys just keep on developing! With love from your Mom's shimmering shakubuku.

EVENTS

The Rainbow Lotus Group in San Diego, California is hosting a Culture Revue, featuring performances by members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. Sunday, August 16 at Kearny Mesa High School. For more information, please contact Mary Rodriguez at (619) 482-0114.

Taking the global family spirit into the community, SGI members support Hathaway Family Resource Center in the production of the play, "Isis and Osiris," to be performed Saturday, June 6, noon to 1:30 p.m. in San Pascual Park, Highland Park, Northeast Los Angeles. For more info: Lynette (213) 256-6372.

COMMENTS

Try as I might, I can't find any grammatical support for the word, "guidances," as in "Sensei's guidances." I have checked the dictionary, my nephew, who's a professor of English and Rhetoric, other English teachers. I've only seen it in SGI parlance. It's a noun like "advice," not plural, right?

Angela Baden, Washington, D.C.

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