

The Fine Print

GREETINGS

To Romain McGown, Carson, Calif.:

Mom, I don't think I ever thanked you for your true "seeking spirit" — because without that, you never would've found out about Nam-myoho-renge-kyo — and the courage to bring it home and share it with us. Even though you and I are the only two practicing, together we can change our immediate family karma and reach our descendants. You ready? I am! Let's continue to chant, fight and win, NO MATTER WHAT!!

I love you. Your daughter, Lisa

I want to thank my dear, beloved members of Hyattsville (Maryland) District... Universal Group, especially, for the wonderful 40th birthday party! Thank you!!! I hope we all have many more to come...and let's keep dancing, chanting and shakubuku-ing....

Love, Cathi King

To Tina Turner:

Thank you, Tina, for your unceasing efforts to promote kosen-rufu. Those efforts include the movie *What's Love Got To Do With It?* as well as your various interviews wherein you again and again explain our practice, taking the interviewer deeper and deeper into the heart of the Lotus Sutra and Nichiren's teachings. The difficult task of propagation is much easier when your message has already been heard. Thank you again.

Judy Stelljes, Lincoln, Neb.

Salutations to my SGI friends in New York City! I will be attending the University of British Columbia in Canada for an MFA degree in theater directing this September.

Warmest wishes and peace,
Gregory Berry

Sr. Martin Adachi —

Muchas gracias.

Roberto Calderón,
Bellevue, Wash.

Hello, Buffalo, N.Y. I miss you all: mom, sis, jess, guy, becky, chris, dawn, nicky, sis, annise, maddie, ellie, ben, sis, and dave. Did I forget to say sis? Congratulations Mary and Tim. Yo, tell me what you want, what you really really want, Suzy Splice. Go, John B.! And to ALL my friends in the SGI, fairy tales can come true. Keep chanting!

Love, Stephanie

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Until I can contact each of you in person, I want to let my dear friends in the SGI know that the results of the N.Y. Bar are out: the highest failure rate ever — 53 percent did not make it. But THIS TIME I DID! I passed. Thank you ALL for your constant daimoku and support.

Nancy E. Kennedy, Rye, N.Y.

I would like to congratulate Larry Frazier for receiving his diploma at Lampasas High School in

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Lampasas, Texas. He graduated on May 29. On May 30, Amy O. received her diploma at Killeen High School as well. Congratulations to Larry and Amy!! You made it!

Barbara Frazier, Killeen, Texas

On May 12, SGI member Lynda Christopher of Tucson, Ariz., was issued a U.S. Patent Des. 394,177 Toilet Paper Dispenser. The new design was created in hopes of replacing the one currently used in homes and hospitals across the nation, shielding toilet paper from contamination by airborne materials. Congratulations.

Congratulations to Diane Friese of Lake Zurich, Ill., for receiving her master of arts degree from DePaul University on June 13 with the 100th graduating class of that university. From this moment on.... Go, Mom, you rock!

Love, Ari

Congratulations to graduating high school seniors: Cheryl Yiadom, Monica McDuffie and Kimberly Parks! You DID it!!! And we are so proud!!!! You are the shining stars of your class, and the world is yours! Never forget your dreams; focus on daimoku, and you'll ALWAYS win!

Peace and love, Ariana,
Washington, D.C. Region

I would like to congratulate the Killeen Chapter's YWD for a wonderful general meeting on June 13 & 14. We did a really good job and everything for the meeting! I would like to express my thanks to Robin Parsons, Joni Jordan, and Una Robinson on a job well done!!

Thanks, girls! Barbara Frazier,
Killeen, Texas

Congrats, Sue Hutchins (Artist!) on your opening reception at Santa Monica Fine Art Studios! You rock (especially Stonehenge)....

<http://www.pureartmkt.com/pureartgallery/susan>

MILESTONES

Linda and Rob Stormont (Linda's maiden name is Fastner) have had an addition to their family! Little fortune baby Siúbhan Susan Stormont was born on April 27 at 7:14 a.m. in Chicago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Profoundly Fabulous of Littleton, Colo.: Happy 36th anniversary on July 24! Thank you for being such wonderful parents.

Love, your (other) daughter, Lisa

Joseph Pejovic joyfully welcomes his new brother to the world! Daniel Sasha Pejovic was born May 19 in Seattle. He was 9 pounds, 21 inches. Proud parents are Ivko and Debbie of Edmonds, Wash.

In memory of Christina McBee from Riverside, Calif., who passed away June 10, 1997, after a brief interlude with cancer:

She had been a longtime member of the SGI, devoting more than 20 years to helping members, assisting senior leaders, and following SGI President Ikeda's guidance. She worked hours on end for kosen-rufu.... She believed in Nam-myoho-rence-kyo with all her heart. I don't remember ever hearing her complain...however, I do remember her constant encouragement.... She was a true Buddha, in every sense of the word. I miss her, but her smile lives on in my memory of her.

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Thank you, Jaci Kasperski

LOST & FOUND

Hamjambo watu wote waliojikaza kwa kosenfu ya Tanzania? (How are y'all who are exerting yourselves to Tanzania kosen-rufu?) Let's make contact with each other for the future of Tanzania kosen-rufu.

Please send your message to George Sakurai, 3410 Taft Blvd. #12005, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308-2095, telephone (940) 767-7351 or e-mail iwao.sakurai@mohican.mwsu.edu.

I am looking for Maria Marsh. We began our practice in Redwood City District, Redwood City, Calif. I am so sorry we lost touch. Please write or contact me at catfur@pacbell.net or call (650) 369-8281.

With love, Margie Clark

Mahalo (thank you) to Karen Dennis of Detroit, who introduced me to this wonderful, eye-opening way of life during the 1975 Hawaii convention. Where are you? Aloha to Margaret Bird, my first shakubuku living somewhere in Canada. Please, ladies, contact me. *Me ke aloha pumehana.*

Dani Settle, 1543 Pele Street,
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813,
(808) 524-6798

To Lanis Blythe: Where are you now? I would love to be in touch with you again. How is Utah? Please e-mail me at GDimock@aol.com or call (703) 922-4526.

Love, Gioia

I used to be part of Silver Lake District. What a great district and chapter we had, composed of great members and leaders and good bodhisattvas all around. My best memories are from Silver Lake District, and although I am still in touch with some of the members, some just don't seem to be found. I want to give thanks to the *World Tribune* staff for the column of 'Lost & Found.' Hopefully now I can get back in touch with some of the Silver Lake folks.

Thank you, 'Chichi' Castanedas (254) 519-7863; Acasta6887@aol.com

EVENTS

In San Francisco: The Bay Area-SGI sponsored a contingent in the Gay Pride Parade, held June 28. Members crossing all divisions and affiliations marched to kick off a new propagation campaign, expecting more than 500 guests at an introductory meeting on July 12. All SGI members are welcome July 12! Call (415) 270-4068 or e-mail delrod@ix.netcom.com for more info.

SPANISH MEETING: Distritos Unidos Universal. July 20, 7:00 p.m. at the Long Beach Community Center, 3545 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach, Calif. 90807, (562) 424-7777. For more information, please contact Arnald Alvarado at (310) 516-2073.

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

COMMENTS

The sudden death of Phil Hartman was a shock May 28. He wasn't an SGI member, and I don't know if he knew of the Gohonzon, but he got me to think about my life and to appreciate my normal 9 to 5

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job and the good health I enjoy with my family and self.... His humor will be remembered.
Philip Ray, Ventura, Calif.

Can we please stop talking about leaders and members and just see everyone as a human being?!!
Why are leaders so attached to titles? Also, can we stop referring to young men as YMDs and young
women as YWDs? We're individuals, NOT organizational divisions! I'm tired of a lot of the BS in our
SGI-speak.

From Steve in Denver

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