

The Fine Print

GREETINGS

To the members of Hawaii...thank you so much for all your years of encouragement, support and aloha. I'm doing great in Los Angeles and have been doing my best. I always think about the golden memories we've created together. The members of Los Angeles have been taking good care of me. I'll be home soon. *A hui hou!*

Love, Uncle Johnny

Hey, Hub City District! No doubt, "We got the bomb *chiki*" or (to put it in plain English) the newly formed Hub City District has a wonderful women's division district leader. Yeah! She's all that. Her home stays open to members, non-members, family and friends. Her family practices this Buddhism, and you can best believe, she's on the front line of all SGI activities. Need to chant early? Not a problem, her doors are open at 5:00 a.m. Need someone to talk to? Call her, she'll be there. Going through some serious HR (human revolution)? She's known for accompanying winters into springs. She's truly a treasure!

This is for a few who have helped me to open up my heart. To Kermit, Nickia, T.J. and Lena: Congrats on completing your first year at Spelman, UCB, UCLA and UCSB. Continue on your path toward excellence. I know it awaits your arrival. To Sasha, Nicole and Khaila: I know this is your first year. Don't get too wild. Don't study too hard. Have a balance of discipline and fun. To Jessica: I'm proud that you've held onto a job for a year. Now your education is calling. Don't let the phone ring too many times before you decide to pick it up.

I love you all, Genoa Rhinehart

The Mystic Law comes blazing in once again to illuminate you, CYNTHIA BACKHAUS, and your two fortune children, TYKO & DYLAN SHOJI (featured in the first issue of the *NEW World Tribune* — "Friends for Peace"). From you, Cynthia, I first heard the words Nam-myoho-renge-kyo, and my life transformed into love and wonder.

Ciao, Jan Belnap

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Best success to son, ERIC W. HOLLOWAY (youngest Soka Group/Gajokai member at age 15) of Iowa on embarking upon your student life at Coe College. Good luck and study hard. And to my daughter, KIMBERLY D. STEWART (Fife and Drum Corps member at age 13), on your new career in Florida. Steve and I send our love.

Your mother, Maude O'Donnell, Houston

Congrats to BRITTANE LEWIS for acceptance into Houston's High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. Also class of 1998 salutatorian and recipient of the President's Award for academic excellence, four years straight. Love and future success from all your Buddhist family in Houston. YOU GO GIRL!!!!!!

Your mom, Doris Bryant

When seeking guidance from DOROTHY HAWKINS, our district leader, she spoke of consistency from beginning to end and to never give up our dreams. While pursuing her undergraduate degree in

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sociology, she always had time for the members. It was actual proof for her and a benefit for us when she received her bachelor's in sociology on May 17 from Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Mo.

Congratulations from Barbara Swopes and Metro District members!

To RENA MOORE, Boston: Mom, I again want to tell you how proud I am of you for your recent graduation from the University of Massachusetts. You have encouraged me so much with your never-give-up spirit. You have overcome so many obstacles through this wonderful practice. My prayer is to be just like you when I'm 71 years old.

Your loving daughter, Marlene

Congratulations: BARBARA DAVIS, 16, of Woodstock, Ill., participated in the Goshen College Piano Workshop, June 15–18 in Goshen, Ind. She is the daughter of Donna Davis and studies piano with Margurite Faulds. She performed Chopin's "Fantasie Impromptu" and Debussy's "First Arabesque."

Chicago State University junior and SGI-USA member TERRANCE SMITH was named Mr. Mahogany U.S.A. at the 1998 Mahogany U.S.A. Pageant held earlier this year at the First Chicago Center. According to pageant officials, Mr. Smith's overall projection, creativity and execution won him the title — as well as his academic excellence and community involvement. One of his main roles as Mr. Mahogany will be as a mentor and spokesperson for the Mahogany Foundation Role Model Leadership Program.

Congratulations to ALAN VINER: At the Motion Picture Council Awards, he was presented with the Highest Esteem Award for his work as Charlie Chaplin and the Bronze Halo Award for outstanding contributions in television and motion pictures. His goals are to teach the art of Charlie Chaplin in his own studio and travel the world, creating world peace and new concepts of Chaplin where the original Charlie Chaplin left off.

MILESTONES

Fond memories of our Buddhist wedding brought tears of joy when our son, Jessie Jr., married Tracey Foushee, daughter of Claretha and Al Hooker, on May 23 at the Philadelphia Community Center. Both of our families have overcome major obstacles, and we live with the spirit to "Never give up, no matter what!" Please call us when y'all are visiting this area: (318) 949-4905.

Lisa and Jessie Winfield,
Victory District
1042 Winfield Rd., Princeton,
LA 71067

It's a boy! AYUMU MARSHALL NISHIKUBO, born on June 28. Nine pounds, 7 ounces; 21 inches. Proud parents are Vanessa and Toru of New York.

I want to share my joy as I celebrate 25 years of practice on July 20. Many good friends have helped me continue. I express special appreciation to Sagan, who spoke boldly to me at SUNY at Stony Brook, inviting me to my first meeting. Phone: (602) 947-5391.

Thank you, Jared R. Goldman

Congratulations to BARBARA VAN DYKEN and ROXANNE LE GRAND, who were joined together on June 20 in the first ever same-sex union ceremony in any San Diego community center! The ceremony was conducted by Don Ross and Mary Rodriguez.

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MALIK A. TAYLOR, Virginia member, son of Loretta Mason, Philadelphia SGI member, married JESSICA W. EASLEY on June 27 on the base at Fort Lee, Va.

Announcing a son, REILLY PARKER FRACASSI, born June 17 to Diane and Bill Fracassi, Jr., of Baltimore, Md. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

John and Vicky Smith (Vicky's maiden name is McGhee) welcomed fortune baby AJANI KAMAU SMITH on Oct. 25, 1997, in Boston. Vicky graduated from Harvard Medical School on June 4. John, Vicky and Ajani now live in the New Orleans area, where Vicky is a family practice physician, and John is studying to be a teacher at Xavier. E-mail: vsmith1@lsumc.edu.

LOST & FOUND

INGA DINGMAN — I got your tape and lovely letter. I was so happy. Couldn't find a return address. Was there one? Please write me again.

Love you, Carla Shibayama,
Tenjin-cho 2-33, Inuyama,
Aichi, Japan 484-0073

I am looking for ROBIN LINDA CRAIG. You introduced me to this practice in the San Bernardino, Calif., area. I left the practice for a couple of years, and I am now getting ready to receive the Gohonzon after another seven months of practice! I'd love to share this moment with you, my first sponsor. Please contact me!

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St., San Francisco, CA 94112;
(415) 585-8754; dstanding@hotmail.com

Hafa adai. I'm looking to get into contact with my fellow members of Guam Headquarters. I would love to get into contact with all of you by e-mail or regular mail. Please respond to me at my e-mail address, falconsp@writeme.com, or write to my home address: Ray Hitchcox, 1831 Fourth Ave., Apt. D, Sterling, IL 61081; (815) 535-9623.

I am a member of SGI-Deutschland. I am trying to contact DARLENE EDGAR, a member who has been practicing since at least 1980. Her last known address was in San Francisco. She was once stationed here in Frankfurt, Germany, and we hope to find her again. She is from Indiana but is most likely still in California. Please pass on our address and e-mail: Katie Meyers, 55th Postal Co., Unit 20230, Box R 335, APO AE 09165; K.Meyers@em.uni-frankfurt.de OR E.Bellersheim@t-online.de. Thanks.

I am looking for LINDA and LEE MALONE (previously of Redlands, Calif.) and the Sampsons of Layton, Utah. Please contact me: Stephanie G. (Preston) Sanders, P.O. Box 240744, Charlotte, NC 28224-0744; (704) 676-0682. My 20-years-of-practice anniversary will be here before I know it, and I want to hear from you to see how you are doing and fill you in on what's been happening with me. I'm still chanting. (Smile.) Thank you very much!

EVENTS

"HomeComing" marks the first West Coast solo exhibition for printmaker/painter BARBARA LEKES. Her work is on exhibit through Aug. 26 at the North San Diego Community Center (SGI-USA) located

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at 800 Los Vallecitos Boulevard, Suite D in San Marcos, Calif.; (760) 591-9803. Ms. Lekes will be on hand at an informal reception on Friday, Aug. 7, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Regular viewing hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visit <http://www.balartiste.com>.

America Soaring Group members will be participating in the Lotus Sutra conference at the FNCC Oct. 1–4. If you are interested in attending, please contact your region office and go through the regular procedure to attend a conference at the FNCC. If you'd like more information about the Soaring Group aspect of this meeting, please contact Allen Massiah at (203) 486-5238 or Gloria Richardson at (404) 982-3254.

CALL FOR ENTRIES: The San Pedro (Calif.) Art Association will host an all-SGI-USA art exhibit in their "Gallery by the Sea" again this year: "Art Is for Everyone III," Aug. 14–15. Reception open to the public Sunday, Aug. 16, noon–5:00 p.m. Exhibit will be open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Show ends Sept. 12; 222 W. Sixth St., San Pedro, Calif.; (310) 833-3976. For more information, please contact Chuck Giles at (310) 370-9204.

Ninth Annual Renaissance Faire — exhibiting members' and friends' visual and performing art, Aug. 21–23. Friday night, Aug. 21: "Opening with the Artists" — coffee, tea, fine pastries and classical music. Saturday: neighborhood gathering with music, food as art, activities and rally for the Grand Main Temple (Sho-Hondo). Sunday: art and culture. All at the Portland Community Center, 1805 SE Ankeny St., Portland, Ore.; (503) 230-1038. Wonderful environment for introducing friends and relatives to SGI-USA. Nominal donations for food items, please.

Don Spears

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