

The Fine Print

GREETINGS

My dearest members (past and present) of Vail District, I miss all of you. I want to thank each and every one of you for affording me the benefits I have received in Oregon. I pray constantly for your health, happiness and continued growth. Remember *itai doshin* is the key to so many strong members in one area! My love to each of you! Cathy

To Chris Watkins from Ron Ricks: I'm in the Bay Area now. Doing much better now, I'm practicing again. Also, I got married. My wife is a member now, too! Say hi to Mr. Levy and your family. Then call me at (510) 223-6599 or e-mail me: rlricks@aol.com.

Thank you to the members of Los Angeles Headquarters and Long Beach Headquarters for being an important part of my life. I moved to New York to start a new life working in computers. I especially must thank William Brown, Guy Mitchell, Marty Jordan and Nick Lewis. You all were always there when I needed you. I'm looking for some people I lost contact with in New York. Neetra, a YWD member that was in the [Fife and Drum Corps] back in the mid '80s, and Ben Lawson, a YMD member who was a professional model from Chicago. If anyone knows how to contact these people, please contact me by e-mail at RobertWilliams@Corporate.GE.com or at (888) 724-3212 pin#301945. Thank you, Bryant Williams aka Bryant Bunn aka B-Man

Congratulations, Tanya Nelson, on your new appointment as Diamond District YWD leader! ROCK ON! Trish, John, June and Beth

Hello from Brazil! My name is Margo, and I live part of the year in New York City with my husband, Frank (a musician with the Manhattan Transfer Band). We have been practicing this great Buddhism since 1986. I spend the other part of the year in Rio de Janeiro where, along with my sister and brother, I own and administrate a private school and a small university. Our university, the Faculdades Integradas de Jacarepaguá, has just completed the construction of a new high-tech library, which will be officially inaugurated this month as the Daisaku Ikeda Library. For this event, we have invited and expect the presence of SGI-Brazil leaders from São Paulo, Minas Gerais and Rio de Janeiro. Let's continue to chant and do our best for kosen-rufu! Margo Colón:
<http://idt.net/~fcolon/fij2.html>; <http://idt.net/~fcolon/colonhan.html>

I want to say hi to the Newport News Chapter, Hampton, Norfolk and Virginia Beach members. I am still practicing here in Albany, Ga. Thanks for your patience and understanding. Thank you, Setsuko Gibson, for your encouragement and guidance by telephone, even though we live 750 miles apart. Becky Webster

To my SGI *ohana* on Maui.... Thank you all for your support and aloha! Being the only member in Jackson, Wy., has made me realize how important members are. My mission is here, and I'll rise to the challenge of building a good SGI organization in Jackson! I'm sharing with others to the best of my ability. Thinking of the strength and courage we shared, I will strengthen that stand-alone spirit! Miss you all! *A hui hou!* Love, Lisa Agdeppa

ATTENTION ART BELL FANS! Anyone interested in sharing thoughts on the various topics featured

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on his talk radio show (from a Buddhist perspective....). Please send comments to L.N., 2948 Old Gravenstein Hy. S., Sebastopol, CA 95472

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Brookfield District Women's Divison Leader Mary Robin Roth/Kaihara is starring as Angie in *Queen of the Stardust Ballroom* at Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre in Chicago. This will run through Oct. 4.

MILESTONES

To celebrate the life of Julie Gossman (Bellaart), a memorial service was held in Kansas City, Mo. She passed away July 26. She was a 10-year member who was introduced to Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism in Honolulu in 1988. She practiced the last five years of her life in Kansas City. Julie was a creative and artistic person and an inspiration to the members who practiced with her. She felt that people should not be judged by their outward appearances or superficial characteristics. She believed that a person's beauty was based upon his or her values and beliefs and respecting another person's individuality and uniqueness. Julie's mission was to show us the true meaning of beauty and to help us see people based upon the internal qualities that each person possesses. Thank you, Cheryl A. Utley

Colorado youth are growing! Announcing the birth of Joie Amelia Flores, daughter of Marina Martinez-Flores and her husband, Joe. And the birth of Daniel William Aragon, son of Duemece Martinez-Aragon and her husband, Daniel. Marina and Duemece are SGI members in Pueblo, Colo. Best wishes for good health and good fortune for the new arrivals from family and friends.

My dear friends Reagan Leonard and Jon Bongiorno gave birth on July 1 at 11:45 a.m. to a beautiful baby girl named Karas McCool Bongiorno. They have been a great inspiration to me and many others! Bettina Skye, New York

To the friends of Ben Irizar: On Sunday, July 5, Benjamin Irizar passed away peacefully at his home after a brief but courageous battle with cancer — never wavering in his commitment and faith. I feel honored to have stood together with him as his wife, friend and comrade in faith for more than 30 years. Ben's last few days of life at home were full of love, victory and humor. This was undeniable proof that chanting Nam-myoho-renge-kyo is the greatest of all joys. And as a result, I am inspired by the benefits of our faith. Our ultimate mission as Bodhisattvas of the Earth is to show actual proof of the Gohonzon's power, no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in. The victory of Ben's life in its final days convinces me that he had indeed fulfilled his mission and attained Buddhahood. Of this, I have no doubt. I also rejoice at the prospect of meeting my dear husband again and again in lifetime after lifetime, together with all his friends, and sharing a great mission for kosen-rufu. With this knowledge, I am consoled. Thank you all for your support, cards, messages, flowers and other expressions of love and friendship. Love, Kim Irizar, Wharton, N.J.

We are excited to announce the arrival of Pedro and Cheryl Tadeo's new baby girl! Born: Aug. 17; 7 pounds, 7 ounces.; Rebecca Jane. Little brother, Joaquin, 4, chanted for her, too! Go Paradise Group! Magalia, Calif. See, we are growing! Rick and Nancy Owens

Jean Brook and Stan Horspool announce their new fortune baby boy, Cameron Abbott Koji Horspool, who was born at home on April 20 in Redwood City, Calif., weighing 9 pounds, 4 ounces and measuring 21-3/4 inches. Cameron's adoring siblings are 5-year-old "Big Brother" Brian and 17-year-old Naomi Dicus (who's starting college next week!).

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Your daimoku and prayers are greatly appreciated by the Keding family: Rose, 32-year member, Daniel and Bobbie (parents) and Paul and Cindy McDonald (step-parents), for Joshua James Keding, 19, who passed on into a new life, on Aug. 7. "Josh" was a wonderful person with a big heart and was an avid student, golfer, fisherman and hiking/camping enthusiast. Renaissance Chapter, thank you for your prayers and support at this time. The Keding Family

LOST & FOUND

I am looking for Alison Chassis or Susan Mancini (sisters). It has been since August 1985 that we were in contact. Please write to Roberta DiCriscio, J1003 Britton Pl., Voorhees, NJ 08043; (609) 770-1585.

Linda Myring...I'm looking for Linda Myring! Dear ex-roommate, please call or write Julie Evans, Box 1702, Saratoga, WY 82331; (307) 326-8109.

I lived near Highland Park, Calif., in 1987. Cheryl Saliscente, Fred and Shinko Lin, Janet Kiehl, the incredibly compassionate Yvie, my group chief who called me every single day just to encourage me — I wonder what you are doing? If you can, please e-mail me at Chinathink@aol.com, and tell me your news. You all provided the only sanity I had that year! It was a dark period, with my husband going on beating and screaming rampages.... My life has regained strength and dignity since then. You are always, always in a very special place in my heart. Leila Stuart Chan, Houston

I am looking for Larry Pierson from San Diego, my old pen pal buddy from the first junior high and high school meeting at the FNCC. I have lost your recent address and received postcards without a return address on them. Please write me again. Your friend, Jun Munakata, 8511 Coolwater Ct., Antelope, CA 95843; junm@cwia.com

COMMENTS

I am finding that cyberspace is a great place to share Buddhism with others. I have told more than 10 people in three days about our practice, and we are having continuing dialogue! Dedicated SGI-USA members are hosting on-line discussion meetings. I am meeting guests to bring! Charlotte A. Madlock, San Diego; e-mail: Charsan@aol.com, WinDaily25@aol.com

MESSAGE TO A FAMILY: Brighter than the sun is to us is your torch lit up by night to the suffering. Running. Pounding in the night. A pounding heart. Raise your light upon the pounding of construction of a grand stage! Ring the bell to reach... the sun to tug open the sky's eyelid, the curtain of your stage. The dance of your eyes, and voices, of joy give sight to the people. Now, let's move! Upon that stage! Phil Andermann

EVENTS

The 'Linus Pauling and the Twentieth Century' exhibition will be open from Sept. 20 – Nov. 7 in the Herbst International Exhibition Hall in the Presidio of San Francisco. Co-sponsored by the Linus Pauling Family, Oregon State University and the SGI, the exhibition is free of charge and designed for all ages. For more information, please call (415) 255-4687 or visit their Web site: www.paulingexhibit.org.

The SGI-USA's children's rights exhibition — Treasuring the Future: Children's Rights and Realities — is continuing its nationwide tour with a showing at the Minneapolis Public Library, Sept. 14 – Oct.

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5. For more information, call their events hotline at (612) 645-3133 or visit their Web site: www.sgi-mn.kidsrights.org. Free admission.

The children's rights exhibition moves to Colorado Springs, Colo., from Oct. 14 – Nov. 1 at the University of Colorado. For more information call the local SGI-USA community center: (719) 635-8968. Free admission.

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