

WORLD TRIBUNE MAILBOX

About the Spanish Pages

Hello! I am a young men's division member living here in Tokyo (Hachioji), Japan. I am always very happy to see that your Spanish pages are getting more sophisticated, longer, more interesting and even a little easier to read.

Here in Japan there are many South Americans who are SGI members. They are always happy to see that the SGI-USA has publications in Spanish. This makes me very proud, and it really makes the *World Tribune* an international newspaper.

Muchas gracias!!

—DAVID QUINTERO, Hachioji, Japan

More on Pride

I have been appreciating the discussion in the "Mailbox" regarding the SGI-USA's participation in the Gay Freedom Day Parade in San Francisco. Thank you for printing such thought-provoking letters.

I am a heterosexual, happily married mother of two boys ages 5 and 7. We have marched in the Freedom Day Parade in San Francisco many times through various affiliations. I describe the event to my children as a "celebration of people's right to love whomever they want."

People who have never been to the Freedom Day Parade have no idea what a beautiful, emotional event it is. First of all, the entire city of San Francisco turns out for the event...gays, straights, young, old, everyone with bright and excited faces. In San Francisco the parade stands for what San Francisco stands for: the freedom to BE WHO YOU ARE. By marching in this parade, we support people's rights to live their lives and be happy....

I'm confident that our participation in this parade, and the many shakubuku meetings that have come from this will create waves of positive causes forever. It is truly kosen-rufu in action.

— JAMIE LEE SILVER, San Francisco

Appreciates Experience

Thank you for Kathleen Slattery's experience in the Oct. 23 *World Tribune*. For 13 years on and off again, I have dealt with mental illness with a family member. Through Buddhism and medication, my situation has turned around.

—PHILIP RAY, Ventura, Calif.