

THE FINE PRINT

Greetings

To the great members in Philly: If you don't see me around, it's 'cause I was hired as the executive director of a children and family community theatre in York, Penn. I may have moved out of Philly but my heart is eternally yours:

Passionate comrades
Continue to share with friends
This wonderful Law

— Fred Mayer, York, Pa.

Our dear friend David Hudson, longtime No. Hollywood member and founding member of the Golden Eagle Bagpipe Band, is seriously ill and battling cancer. He has moved to his brother's home in Vista, Calif., near Oceanside, and can be reached at (760) 727-2703. Please send daimoku and any encouragement you can. I know he would enjoy hearing from all the Gakkai friends he has. I thank you deeply for your support. — Nancy Kennedy, Rye, N.Y. (914) 967-3646.

Crossing boundaries of gang turf, language, culture and economics; artistic expression of our shared humanity will be on display in the collaborative community sculpture "Branches of Creativity" conceived by artist Lynette Yetter. Children of all ages at community festivals in the Northeast Los Angeles communities of Highland Park and Eagle Rock decorated branches with paint, glitter, glue, feathers and fabric. The artists and guests will arrange the branches to lean against each other at the opening reception, creating the installation sculpture based on a poem by poet laureate Daisaku Ikeda. The branches are like people. Each one is unique and beautiful. By supporting one another with trust, we create something magnificent. Branches and art supplies will be on hand at the reception so that you can add to the sculpture. Sponsored by the Eagle Rock Community Cultural Center and Hathaway Family Resource Center. Reception, Aug. 4, 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Eagle Rock Community Cultural Center, 2225 Colorado Blvd., Los Angeles (323) 226-1617. Installation runs through Aug. 29.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Stacey Smith, Nathan Gauer and Dara Carrera in the Washington, D.C., region on their graduation from high school. Your efforts are exemplary and your lives shine brilliant. How proud we all are of our SGI youth! — Ariana Bock, 2700 Ontario Rd. NW Wash., D.C. 20009 (202)232-1693.

Patrick Hawes from Gurnee, Ill., was recently selected for promotion to Musician Second Class (E-5) in the US Navy. Patrick is a clarinetist with Navy Band Great Lakes. Patrick wishes to express his deep gratitude to all of the members who have been supporting him through the years, especially his district chief in Chicago, Tom Friese, along with the members in Baltimore, Norfolk, Va., and Asheville, N.C. "I love you all and can't thank you enough for all you have taught me about the greatness of the SGI and Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism, I promise to continue to show actual proof!!!!"

Milestones

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Congratulations to Don and Carrie Sanders of Los Angeles. Their daughter Kaia Selena Sanders was born on April 20, at 4:55 a.m. She weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. and was 20.5 in. long.

A Cambodian SGI men's division member passed away June 18 of heart failure at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. He was 64 years old. His surviving family members are Mrs. Vann Sath Gnuon, daughters Diana Chea and Janet. — Vuthi Seng, Los Angeles

Lost and Found

I would like to reach my dear friend Mariella Quevedo, who encouraged me to begin this practice in Seattle in 1985. Last I heard, she was in Florida...married? Has a young son? These are the rumors I have heard! I'm still in Alaska, but everything has changed in my life since I last saw Mariella, and I really want to catch up! Please contact me soon! I miss you, Marielita! — Julia (Young) Bastuscheck, P.O. Box 22518, Juneau, AK 99802; e-mail: spug@gci.net

Are there any members in Nigeria who might know Okey Uhiara? He is the son of a Nigerian chief who came to Bellingham, Wash., around 1980 to study geology as a graduate student at Western Washington State University. He actually thought that WWSU was in Washington, D.C., when he first enrolled. In any case, we met in Bellingham and became very close friends. He joined in my district and practiced as a very enthusiastic member of the young men's division for a number of years until his visa ran out. He continued to write to me from Nigeria, but eventually my letters went unanswered. I have not heard from him for many years. If you have any information, please send e-mail to pbanne@metlife.com or write to me, Peter Nathen Banne, 5007 Palmetto Avenue #41, Pacifica, CA 94044. Telephone (650) 755-7873.

There were two women's division members I practiced with in the late '80s and early '90s. They left the area and I haven't heard from them. Betty Ann Dingman went to Florida and Lillian Orteze left for California. I'd love to hear from both of you. I'm at 354 Hoyt St., Buffalo, N.Y 14213-1245. My telephone number is (716) 882-5173. — Beverley Schleip