

THE FINE PRINT

Greetings

Yes, we're back home in Puerto Rico and would like to express our most sincere THANK YOU for all those who took time to be with us. And those who could not, well, it gives you a reason to visit us! GRACIAS!! —The Willoughby family (Ian, Evelyn, Angie and Alex)

WANTED: Members and interested persons who live in or near Laughlin, Nev., or western Arizona, that is Kingman, Bullhead City, Lake Havasu City, Parker, or Needles, Calif., who are looking for SGI. Mohave District is here and anxious to welcome you. Contact Ruth Colvin at (520) 768-9732, or at drcolvin@ctaz.com

Beloved Ravenswood District—Our heart-strings will forever keep us connected! Thank you for your swift response, your powerful prayers and your selfless spirit. My father, Hector Vasquez of the El Paso SGI, heard all of our prayers and is recovering wonderfully. Our dream that he live to fulfill his destiny alongside his wife, Maria Teresa, as a Bodhisattva of the Earth, has come true! From the entire Vasquez family, a huge “GRACIAS COMPANEROS” to the Ravenswood and El Paso members! —Lucina & Greg Sarber (Ravenswood District, Chicago)

Patrick Hawes from Gurnee, Ill., was recently selected for promotion to Musician Second Class (E-5) in the U.S. 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!”

Lost and Found

I'm trying to locate members from Blossom District, Rising Sun Chapter, Atlantic HQ 2 from Long Island, N.Y. I began my practice there in 1989 and have since moved to Istanbul, Turkey. Anyone from Blossom who'd like to get in touch, please do! Thanks so much!

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To Tony Claar: Dear Tony, I don't know where you are these days, but I hope it's somewhere where you receive the *World Tribune*. I will be practicing 27 years this Sept. 13, a date you should remember, since you shakubuked me. Actually I've been chanting longer than that, as Sept.13, 1972, was

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the day I received my Gohonzon. I am doing great, and besides keeping up my career as a social worker, I have been writing a character that I want to develop into a comic strip and then into an animated film. Are you still involved in animation? I would love to hear from you either way, I hope you are doing really well. Best wishes. Your old college pal and shakubuku. —Patti Woolman; patti5@earthlink.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 NSA 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, at 5007 Palmetto Ave. #41, Pacifica, CA 94044. Telephone (650) 755-7873

On Aug. 18, Ms. Hiroko Heard celebrated her birthday and I celebrated the beginning of my 10th year of practice. The wonderful Ms. Heard provided me the nourishment to build the foundation of my Buddhist practice and for this I owe her everything! Unfortunately, I have lost contact with her over the last few years and am searching for her. Hiroko, I hope you will receive this birthday wish and know that I think of you often, and always send daimoku! Please contact me at (713) 868-3137 or (713) 440-7976 (wk). I miss you and your dynamic spirit. Leslie Golden, 6907 Almeda, Houston, TX 77021

I am hoping to contact two long lost friends: Vanessa McKenney (spelling?) and Kate Pascoe. Vanessa and I practiced together in Seattle in '86 and '87, and we marched at least a thousand miles for Kotekitai practice! Then I moved to Europe and we lost touch. I practiced with my Australian friend Kate in Paris, France, in 1988, and when I moved to England and she returned to Hong Kong, we lost touch. Her parents lived in the Phoenix, Ariz., area for a while, and I'm hoping someone might know how to contact her through them. Thank you, —Cynthia Toomey; cktoomey@earthlink.net

Milestones

Just wanted to let everyone know that Beverly Halverson, an SGI member in Topeka, Kans., passed away on Jan. 25 of this year. I apologize to anyone whom I may have forgotten to tell. Beverly had so many friends that I am sure I missed some. Sincerely, Dave Halverson

Thirty years ago in 1969, David Hudson was coaxed into a Buddhist meeting in Hollywood. After that meeting he stayed with us and became a founding member of the unforgettable Hollywood Bowl District, whose members are now practicing throughout the U.S., England and Europe. David soon married another new member, Shirley, and they had three strong and delightful children Brad, Becky and Beth. David opened his heart and his home, contributing to kosen-rufu for 30 years. He passed away peacefully with family and friends at his bedside on Aug. 10. He will be greatly missed. We thank each SGI member for the support and daimoku you sent to him. Stan and Norma Gittelman, Laura Aved, Nancy Kennedy. —Nancy E. Kennedy, Rye, N.Y.

Our beloved Shizuko Waller passed away peacefully July 26 after bravely battling cancer for the last

two years. Shizuko touched many hearts in Nashville as our Tennessee Volunteer Area Women's Division Leader. She was always moving and quick to respond to anyone's need, never failing to teach us how to live courageously and with compassion. Although Shizuko spent her last 15 years here in Nashville, she also gained many friends in faith across the U.S. Shizuko is survived by her son, Toby Waller and her former husband, Orman (Wally) E. Waller. — Meredith Green, Nashville

We will, Shizuko and all of us, be together always. The bonds that link us are strong and bear the righteousness of our union in the Great Law, where we worked, laughed, cried and chanted together for kosen-rufu. — Steve Shouse