

Coming Together

A multicultural fair sponsored by the SGI-USA brought together more than 1,000 people on June 22.

“The wonderful part is that more than 60 percent of the performers are non-SGI members,” said Theresa Hauber, the women’s division chief of Los Angeles #5 Joint Territory, which sponsored the event.

Besides the performances, there were many multicultural dishes for the crowd to sample and several activities for children.

A retired university professor, who attended the festival with her neighbor, said she “couldn’t think of a better way to spend a Sunday afternoon.... The implications are fantastic! We shouldn’t all be alike. This educates people and changes attitudes. Each culture and language have different qualities, many of which can’t be translated. But the performances are affecting people beyond their conscious level. This is education in the guise of entertainment.”

Jan Schrieber said: “I love cultural diversity. It gives me such a feeling of being part of the whole world. If we can do it on a smaller scale, then we can begin taking it to a larger scale.”

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