

NEWSBRIEFS

Honolulu Lauds SGI Leader

A certificate honoring SGI President Ikeda was presented by the Honolulu City Council in a brief ceremony on Aug. 19. Councilmember Jon Yoshimura offered his congratulations to the SGI leader for his work in peace, culture and education, and for his 51st anniversary with the Soka Gakkai. Council Chair Mufi Hannemann and Councilmember Donna Mercado Kim added their congratulations. The certificate commends the SGI leader for “his exemplary actions and achievements for world peace.”

— JOANNE TACHIBANA, *Bureau Chief*

Exhibit Web Site Is Launched

The official Web site for the national touring exhibition “Linus Pauling and the Twentieth Century” was launched Aug. 12 at www.paulingexhibit.org. The site explores the life of two-time Nobel laureate Dr. Linus Pauling and will provide a cyber-tour of the exhibition. Opening free to the public on Sept. 20, the exhibition will run through Nov. 7 at the Herbst International Exhibition Hall at San Francisco’s Presidio.

“As a co-sponsor of the ‘Linus Pauling and the Twentieth Century’ exhibition, we wanted to create a Web site that would connect people throughout the world to Linus Pauling’s extraordinary legacy in science, health and peace,” said Linus Pauling Jr., chairman of the Linus Pauling Exhibition Advisory Committee.

The exhibition and the Web site are co-sponsored by the Linus Pauling family; Oregon State University, which has loaned photographs, diaries, molecular models and historical artifacts from its Special Collections of Ava Helen and Linus Pauling Papers; and the SGI, with which Dr. Pauling was close until his death in 1994 at the age of 93.

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San Diego Salutes Pioneers

“I really felt the appreciation,” said Dorothy Poe, a pioneer member of 36 years. “People always talk about how much they appreciate the pioneers, but today I really felt it.”

San Diego Region’s Southwest Area members celebrated a recent world peace prayer meeting with a special tribute to their pioneer members. “The meeting was simple yet so powerful,” said Peggy Clark, a member of 22 years. “I’m glad they recognized the pioneer members. The Japanese ladies had no English but they [introduced us to Buddhism]. Had it not been for them, we wouldn’t be here today.”

The idea of Chula Vista Chapter members, the pioneer appreciation included a proclamation that assured the pioneers that their work would continue: “People in future generations will surely be as thankful as we are today. So we say thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Because no matter how we look at it , ultimately we owe our happiness to your warmth and humanity.... We fear nothing.... No one can destroy what you built. We promise.”

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