

THE FINE PRINT

Greetings

Interested persons who live in Southern Utah and outlying areas, St. George District welcomes you. Please call Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Weiss at (435) 635-7848.

Hello! My name is Nancy. I have practiced with many members and want to hear from you by e-mail: dayzetta@webtv.net My last name was Weisz; now it's Owens. We live in Magalia, Calif. I practiced in: Hawaii (Big Island and Kauai); Santa Cruz/San Jose, L.A. territories 3 and 7; San Diego, and now Paradise, Chico, Magalia Areas. I cannot list everyone I'd like to contact: The Uyeda family, Honey Schimelfennig, the Shibata family, the Awai family, Tame Stow, Tina Van Dyne, Michele & Craig Bowers, Debra & Marty Vittore. You all helped me to practice correctly and I offer my sincerest gratitude to you all...it will be FUN to hear from you!

—Rick and Nancy Owens

To SGI Homeschoolers, Aloha, to any or all you pioneers in home education. If there's anyone in the organization who would like to expand or share their thoughts on how to incorporate Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism with their child's daily curriculum, please contact Joan Heller at (nate@aloha.net). My son is a fourth grader. We're both learning a lot and appreciate any correspondence or networking with other Buddhist homeschoolers.

I would like to contact any Vietnamese members to share our struggles and any translated materials of Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism in Vietnamese. I've been a member for 17 years. In Houston, where I live, there are three Vietnamese members, two of whom are active. My e-mail address is huemn@yahoo.com

—Hue Martell

Fellow French-speaking Buddhists: Are you interested in having study materials in French? Meeting in French to introduce your friends and family members (who don't speak English fluently) to the practice? Would you like to get information on how to connect them to the SGI in your respective countries? Would you like to have contacts or addresses to visit SGI centers or help with meetings while you are visiting your country? Would you be interested in participating in an FNCC conference in Florida, conducted in French, in the future? Would you be interested in a French Page in the *World Tribune*? Would you be able to help translate study materials into French? Would you like to share your ideas and experiences? We are a group of French-speaking Buddhists, based in Los Angeles, from 12 different countries. For several years, we have been meeting regularly, conducting a meeting in French to support both ourselves and others in our practice of Buddhism. We would like to get an idea of the potential strength of the French-speaking population within SGI-USA. Contact us by phone (310) 558-3410, by fax (310) 558-3420 or by e-mail: meduski@yahoo.com

You are invited to an international birthday party for the new millennium!

Happy Birthday President Toda!

Bon anniversaire!

Alles Gute zum Geburtstag!

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Felice compleanno!

O-tanjobi o-medeto gozaimasu!

We would like to invite SGI members around the world to share in celebrating the 100th anniversary of President Toda's birth! Please send your birthday greetings, cards, messages, etc., in any language, to the Ishikawa Culture Center, in Ishikawa, Japan, birthplace of President Toda. We will then deliver your birthday greetings to the people of Kaga City, Shioya Town, in the month of February, for them to display at the Kaga Community Center.

Place: Ishikawa Japan. Date: Feb. 11, 2000. Time: The new millennium! R.S.V.P/Please send greetings by Feb. 11, 2000 to:

Ishikawa Bunka Kaikan

100 Banchi

TakaoMinami, 1-chome

Kanazawa-Shi

Ishikawa-Ken

Japan, 921-8154

Attn.: Hokuriku International Group

Lost and Found

My name is Laura Kelley and I began practicing this Buddhism in 1975 in Washington Square District in NY. I am so appreciative to my first junior group chief Paula Larke, and I would like to know if someone knows her whereabouts. I lost contact with her and I would like to let her know that because of her, I have been able to continue practicing all these years. She really taught me how to use this practice to win in my life. I can be contacted at psychelk @ aol.com — Thanks, Laura

It would bring me great joy to hear from members who practiced with me in Buffalo, N.Y., State College, Penn., and Pittsburgh, Penn. Though we've lost touch, I still think about all of you. I'm alive and well in N.J. with my husband, Derrick, plus two dogs, three sheep, two goats and 25 chickens. You can contact me at: 295 Sykesville Rd, Wrightstown, NJ 08562 or (609)723-0137 or chicken-lady43@hotmail.com or alicep@erols.com — Alice Tiffeault Parfitt

I'm trying to locate members from overseas during the period when I lived in Japan and Thailand. Japan...Mihoko Iwashita: Where are you? Does anyone know if she is still in Kagoshima? Thailand...Hey, Rainbow Group members...Sawadii Ka! Kaori, are you in the USA in New York? What happened to Ricky and co. Please contact me. I have a second fortune baby now. I'd love to tell you the details. You can contact me at e-mail: nadines1@neteze.com. I really would love to hear from my overseas comrades in faith. — Nadine Shaw-Landesvatter

Milestones

An excerpt from a letter: To my friend Richard Marshall, it is the day after your passing. No matter what we have gone through, one thing has remained constant, that is our friendship and commitment to the Gohonzon. Richard, I will not shed a tear to add to the sea of suffering. I will chant the daimoku to fill the sails of the boat that carries you across that sea.

— She'Rue Riley, San Diego

Below is an excerpt from a letter to Richard Marshall, a member from San Diego, Calif. Richard is

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a wonderful friend and unique human being. We practiced together for many years and shared many SGI-USA experiences. His entity will be missed by many. Thank you so very much for your assistance. Respectfully, Sherry J. Harger

"I have felt your presence with me as I chant daimoku. I am not going to say good-bye because I know we will always be friends in our lifetimes to come and always fight side by side for kosen-rufu. I love you, Richard. Hugs and kisses, Sher"

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