

THE FINE PRINT

Greetings

Dear President Ikeda, thank you for guiding and teaching me the Kansai Spirit! To all of our friends in the Rainbow Lotus group in San Diego and Orange County, Calif. And all of our SGI leaders and friends, as well as our wonderful family. Hilda and I extend our deepest appreciation to all of you for your support, encouragement and acceptance of our standing up side by side for kosen-rufu. It is indeed a true blessing and great joy to have been able to receive Gohonzon together on Dec. 11, 1999. We send our wishes for all of your great good fortune this New Year. With love and friendship always, Pat C. Main and Hilda Richards, San Diego, Calif.

Lost and Found

I am an SGI member in Michigan and would like to help the Cuban members that were discussed in the Jan.1st article. Could I get Jorge Silverio's e-mail address, phone number, or address from you/*World Tribune* so as I can connect with him to make assistance possible? — Annette DeMatteis, phone: 248-614-2990. E-mail: adematte@kmart.com

— Jorge Silverio responds with the following information: Home phone is 818-846-8693. Office: 818-953-2895. E-mail: firstchiro@aol.com

Camp Zama, Yokohama and Yokosuka—We need your help! Back in 1971, President Ikeda invited 19 American Junior High/High School members living at these American military bases to attend the 1971 Summer Course. We spent many days in Tokyo rehearsing for the presentation and finally we attended the Summer Course (three nights and four days) with the Japanese members from Tokyo. We were all very young at the time, but President Ikeda had given us such an opportunity. Next year will mark the 30th year since this event took place and we are currently trying to locate the 19 members. If you were one of the 19 members or you know of someone who attended, please contact: Robert "Butch" Llewellyn at 913-780-5509 (reng@mail.com) or Gloria Richardson at 404-633-2187 (gloriarichardson@prodigy.net).

Milestones

Congratulations to my sister, Stephanie Deserano, her husband, Robert, their first son, Robbie, and our mom, Linda Senecal, on the newest arrival of our family!!! Benjamin Walter Deserano was born on Jan. 7, 2000, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz. May this new millennium bring us all back together again for good!!! — Cheryl Hogancamp, Lakewood, WA (253) 582-0442

Sima Robinson, introduced to Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism by her son, Bob Merritt in the early '70s, and an active member and leader over the years in Chicago, San Diego, Missouri and most recently Appleton, Wis., passed away on Nov. 29. She was a good friend and wonderful mother-in-law to me, and she loved to do shakubuku, support activities and visit FNCC!

Bob and I want to thank the dedicated leaders and members in Wisconsin and Michigan,

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especially Yumi, Gene and Ann, who spared no effort to support Sima with daimoku and visits during her illness, and who showed great consideration and support to her family, most of whom are non-members. The sincerity, warmth and selfless commitment we saw there exactly fulfill President Ikeda's dream of a humanistic organization, and continue to inspire us in our practice. — Nancy Merritt, San Francisco Region, Burlingame District, nmerritt@mail.smrn.com