

**REORGANIZED DETROIT AREA HOLDS KICKOFF
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Due to the start of daylight savings time, the worlds of Bodhisattva and Buddhahood sprang up an hour earlier than usual. The reorganized Detroit Area was holding its inaugural meeting April 2 at the Ramada Inn Convention Center in Southfield, Mich. SGI-USA Advisor Guy McCloskey and more than 250 members and friends were in attendance.

A highlight of the kickoff was an experience from Janice Matthews, who in addition to receiving the Gohonzon and singing in the chorus at this meeting, shared how her Buddhist practice has improved her spinal problems and outlook on life.

Mr. McCloskey mentioned that May 3, 2001, a target date set by SGI President Ikeda many years ago, is fast approaching. There is still a lot to accomplish, he said, encouraging the Detroit members to follow up with the many guests who participated in recent commemorative meetings to see if they want to join SGI-USA.