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2014 SUBUD USA NATIONAL CONGRESS IN PITTSBURGH

Memorial Day Weekend, 22 - 26 May

The Subud USA 2014 National Congress will be held in Pittsburgh at Robert Morris University over Memorial Day weekend, from Thursday, May 22, to Monday, May 26.

The event will primarily be a business congress with delegates selecting new officers and approving new resolutions. As always, however, we will have lots of kejiwaan activities and workshops.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

- Wednesday -BOD Meeting
- Thursday -Kedjiwaan Events and Delegates arrive
- Friday -Delegate Assembly and Workshops
- Saturday -Working Groups, Workshops and Entertainment
- Sunday -Delegate Assembly
- Monday - Wrap up - ends at noon

Apartment styles rooms will cost \$26.75 a night per person, not including linens. Three meals a day will be \$30. These are the lowest prices we've had for some time. We hope that many of those going to Puebla will be able to

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attend, and those not going still have an opportunity to come to a large event. We are also exploring nearby hotels which have shuttles from the airport and to the university.

Check [this section](#) of the Subud USA website for more news. [DOWNLOAD THE REGISTRATION FORM.](#)

GROUPS AND CENTERS

DC CENTER DUE FOR COMPLETION IN SPRING 2014!

It's almost ready!

THE EXCITEMENT

The Subud Washington DC Center was erected on December 28 and 29, 2013. You can share in the excitement by watching the [video](#) of the event created by DC member Harris Woodward. It was an amazing scene with many members, friends, families and neighbors coming out to watch. It was even covered in the local news.

We are still a few months from occupancy awaiting completion of geothermal, HVAC, inside finishing, electricity, doors, water connection, sidewalks, deck, and landscaping. But the joy of having the building there beckoning us is immeasurable.

THE VISION

From the beginning, the vision was to build something that the Washington DC Center could gift as a center for the broader Subud community - way beyond the local membership. Although this enormous undertaking continues to face financial and timing challenges; occupancy is on schedule for May with a grand opening to follow. The center will serve as a home for greater DC area members and will be available to host national / international Subud events and enterprises. It will also provide a home for our national office. Additional spaces will be rented for sustainability. Although donations in money and resources are still greatly needed, the

COMMEMORATIVE GARDEN WALKWAYS

We wish to recognize contributions from around the Subud world by creating an entrance garden with bricks or tiles engraved with the names of Subud members (\$300) and Subud groups and regions (\$1,000 or what you can afford). Let us know if you would like to be recognized in this way or wish to have a brick engraved in memory of someone dear to you. In addition, we will have an Historical Registry to document the many people who have donated over the years to make this Center a reality. Please write to Barbara Thomas for details, bthomas60@comcast.net.



Rohana Alkaitis and Barbara Thomas discussing interior selections with Patricia Amelia Babin

Washington DC center is very grateful to Subud members everywhere for their generous contributions.

DETAILS ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

The Subud Washington DC dewan has provided an update that addresses progress-to-date, a detailed timeline and opportunities to contribute to this final phase of completion. The report also gives details on ordering personalized, engraved bricks and tiles for the entrance garden. You may read the full report [HERE](#) to see all the details and how you can contribute.

OUR VALLEY OF THE SUN: SUBUD PHOENIX

from Marie Jeffers

The Subud Phoenix Group includes members who live in Phoenix and the surrounding areas of Scottsdale, Fountain Hills, Chandler, Maricopa, Glendale and Sun City, Arizona. Our Valley of the Sun is spread out but close enough not to be isolated! The group is currently about 25 strong.

Recently, I asked our members to describe our group. The words they used were that our members were kind, light-hearted, sincere and humorous. I thought, "This isn't enough for writing an article." I went home, got quiet and became aware of how profound their comments were – what a beautiful group we have – the opportunity to do latihan together and the impact of the latihan on each of us. There is a commitment in our group to the latihan and a strong concern for the well being of others.

Our current excitement is the Subud Archives project headed up by Daniela Moneta. Our members have enjoyed getting together and giving a hand to Daniela in getting things prepared for a new storage facility. One of Daniela's specialties is as an archivist, and her background includes experience with the Subud Archives at Wisma Subud in Indonesia. She has also worked in Florence, Italy, with the preservation of art and writings affected by the 1966 flood of the Arno River, which killed many people and damaged or destroyed millions of masterpieces of art and rare books. The Subud Archives are stored in five areas of the world and Phoenix is currently one of the sites. The preservation includes Bapak's writings, his talks, and pictures, along with photos of members and Subud groups, congresses, gatherings and accomplishments.

The Subud Archives project is giving us opportunities to help and work together! The new storage area is ready



Marie Jeffers, Dainuri Dufford, Daniela Moneta, and Latief Dewes moving the archives in January

and 250+ boxes were recently picked up and moved in a large truck by members of our group. Daniela has the knowledge and expertise to make certain that these important materials are organized, properly stored, preserved and available for further use. We are thankful for the funds that have been generated by others that allow this work to be done.

Latihan in Phoenix is currently held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1212 E. Glendale Ave., Phoenix 85020. The church is easy to find, not far from the Arizona State 51 Freeway. Our latihan times for both women and men are Thursday nights at 8:00 and Sunday nights at 6:00. Please call in case of changes. We welcome you! Our local contacts are: Daniela Moneta: 602-870-4977, Muchtar Ramsey: 602-568-0750, Marie Jeffers: 602-828-0089.

NOTE: Read more about the archives on page 14 and Dainuri's memorial on page 31.

[ABOUT SUBUD SANTA CRUZ](#)

from Halimah Martin (click on title to read complete article)

Still etched in memory are the words, "Going once, going twice, SOLD to Subud California." The pounding of the gavel upon this pronouncement in 1972 was the launching of a very vital era for Subud in Santa Cruz... We, a small band of local Subud members, were the early beneficiaries of the purchase of this Spanish-style stucco school house from the Mountain Elementary School District. To this day, occasional visits to the Center by local residents, nostalgia written on their faces, tell us that they or their parents went to school here.

Groups and Centers

Some of the key people in facilitating that purchase many years ago were Lester Wong, Reynold and Halimah Bean, Haris Clemes, Marcella Respini, Arianne and Harris Strassner, and the Martins. Once this milestone was passed, the group expanded year by year until sometime in the late 70's or early 80's, the group boasted over a hundred members. Our latihan were loud and sonorous!



An early major event for us was Bapak's visit to the Center during his trip to California in 1976. It was a memorable day, preceded by many weeks of work upgrading the building's interior. A very tall Coast Redwood, a tree indigenous to this area, stands where Bapak dug the first shovelful of dirt for its planting that day, (*in photo behind Subud sign*). What I remember is that Bapak was told in a small ceremony that we chose that tree because it symbolized strength and longevity. He nodded and smiled his agreement with the choice. According to Robert Goonetilleke, who may have a better memory, our then chairman Greg Hammer 'told Bapak that the Redwood tree he planted would last forever! Bapak's comment that nothing lasts forever is something that I remember well.'



It is true that the booming days of Subud here in the 70's and 80's did not last forever. But like that tree, at least up to present time, the latihan has thrived here. Though our membership is considerably smaller now (less than 30 people), with a few members between 20 and 50 and the majority in the elder category, we hear comments from visitors that the latihan is strong and good, thank you God. We've kept it a priority to have an attractive latihan space and to keep up with House maintenance and continue making improvements. ...This past year, with the help of a loan from the Region, it was necessary to reconstruct the entire roof as it had become evident that even a small earthquake might cause it to collapse, not a reassuring thought! At the same time the noisy, antiquated heating

system was replaced and the hardwood floors were resurfaced. The result is reassuringly sturdy and put a fresh glow in both latihan halls.

There have been births, weddings, divorces, and deaths, some celebrated (or mourned) in our beautiful House, reminding us that the only constant is change. All these people and more certainly inspire gratitude for the long and productive life of this Center.

For the last 15-20 years, we have rented our building to various groups in the area for yoga classes, dance events, ceremonial

occasions, choir and theater rehearsals, martial arts, etc. We are grateful to these groups who constitute our most extensive form of outreach and who are important to the financial well-being of the Center. Our committee, chaired by Phillip Lindstrom, and a rental subcommittee are focusing on marketing our Center. As part of this process a new and more state-of-the-art website was created: santacruz.subudcalifornia.org.

The future of our group is uncertain, as are most future happenings. Though our membership is much smaller now, the benefits of being in this Center are beyond numbers. God's grace abounds. Those of us who have spent much of our Subud life in this Center are very, very fortunate indeed.

NOTE: Halimah Martin also creates photo calendars; if you need one for 2014, find details on page 26.

AFFILIATES and PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

SUBUD INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (SICA)

SICA-USA RECEIVES NON-PROFIT STATUS

from Muhammad Isman Kanafsky, SICA-USA Chair

Muhammad Isman Kanafsky, SICA USA Chair, and the Board have acquired their 501(c)3 status with the IRS and SICA USA is now listed as a "Public Charity". This helps SICA-USA stand on its own two feet. Members of the SICA-USA Board include: Martin Almanzan, Treasurer, Ann Padilla, Secretary (and SIHA USA Chair), and Melinda Wallis. Leonard Dixon is the Webmaster. Robert Mertens and Mary Wold serve as Advisers to the Board. I am mindful and appreciative of the smooth transition experienced at the last Subud USA National Congress.

ONGOING SICA USA WORKSHOPS

ISMAN REPORTS: We have now found the direction that best suits the needs of the members of Subud USA. We are doing workshops around the country on culture and the use of the latihan in our daily activities. This helps to deepen the members understanding about SICA and how it affects their daily life. With the guidance of Almighty God and the experience of our Board members, we are making progress for SICA-USA that everyone can see and feel as fruitful and positive. If any group would like to host a workshop, please contact us.

These Workshops begin with a sharing of experiences by myself and the attendees, and end with a testing session, so that each person can receive for themselves how this applies to them. This is one of the hand outs that we use:

TRUE CULTURE

This is why it is really necessary for us to awaken culture, or that culture should awaken again within us, the culture

which truly originates in the human nature and represents humankind's worship of Almighty God.

The latihan moves those who follow it in the direction of integration – the integration of outer and inner, of culture and religion. True culture and worship are one, not in any limited sectarian or formal sense, but essentially. True culture is the expression of an inner feeling that has been brought to life, and is closely related to self-knowledge and the realization of a person's true talent, made possible by the practice of the latihan...

These are excerpts from different talks by Bapak are as they appear in Rashid Lyle's book, Subud, Chapter 9: "Culture" (1983: Humanus, Tunbridge Wells, UK.) Read the complete handout [HERE](#).

If your Group or Regional Congress or Gathering would like to have a Workshop, please contact me, Muhammad Isman Kanafsky, SICA-USA Chair; isman37@comcast.net; (831) 883-9544.

DONATING TO SICA USA

Fundraising efforts are already underway thanks to the generosity of artist Anthony LoSchiavo who created a watercolor portrait of Bapak which can be seen on the [SICA USA website](#). Please send tax-deductible donations to: SICA-USA; 3157 Eucalyptus St. #17; Marina, Ca. 93933 or by credit card [USING THIS LINK](#). Earmark donations for SICA-USA. Thank you!



SIGN UP FOR 'SICA UPDATES'

You'll be amazed with what members are doing 'at the intersection of creativity and spirituality'. [Sign up here](#) for SICA Updates and visit the SICA International website, too - www.subud-sica.org.

INSIDE STORY: A SICA INTERVIEW WITH BENEDICT HERRMAN

Melinda Wallis uncovers 'Inside Stories', read more at www.subud-sica.org under 'Inspirations'

"... just as the vision said. This was my miracle."

Melinda to Benedict: Please give us a little bio of yourself.

I currently live in Sacramento, California. I have 3 adult children, ages 36, 35 and 31, and three grandchildren, 10, 7, and 2. I also have two step-kids (such a silly term!) 31 and 29.

I grew up in a theatrical family, so acting was a regular part of life from the beginning. My parents had their own summer theater, in Southern Ontario, Canada, so my parents and all their friends were show biz folks. We lived in NYC most of the year, but from age 5-16 I was part of the summer theater trip in Ontario. When I was 5, I had my first part in one of my parents' summer shows, with a few lines. I got my first laugh from an audience and I was hooked! Two years later I got a small part in a TV show at age 7, and just kept getting more parts. The work just kept coming. I got quite a career going.

Can you give us an example of how guidance has affected your work life?

Here's a story for you! About 7 years ago, I was selling phone book advertising in Novato. One day I drove to Santa Cruz for latihan, where I received that I was not



permitted to limit my vision to Portland (where I lived and worked). This was a bit confusing. I hated the sales job, but my family was in Portland too. I was 55 at the time. I was recently divorced, in transition. I didn't know what that latihan message referred to.

Time passed. I lost my job and was wondering what work to do. Nothing was happening. Then I asked one day, 'What kind of work should I be doing?' I immediately saw a vision of myself driving around, and talking to people in some kind of territory or area, and I was driving a used Subaru station wagon. I had asked for guidance, and that vision was what I got. No other clues. A couple of years later, I had used up all my savings and had no money left. I told God I was desperate, and asked for a miracle. A few weeks later I got a call from a friend who told me of a job available in the company where he works, but I'd have to move to Sacramento. I interviewed and got the job, which I still have. And so now, in my current work, I am driving around talking to people, and I am driving a used Subaru station wagon... just as the vision said. This was my miracle.

Read the [entire interview](#). And for more about the prolific Mr. Herrman, visit: profile/BenedictHerrman.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS! SICArte 2014

We are working together with SICA to put on an online only art "Exhibition like no other" for the World Congress, and also a "Hand Luggage exhibition". The exhibition will run from 2 August to 5 September

SICArte 2014: We invite professional artists from across the Subud world to exhibit in *SICArte 2014*, an art exhibition for the 2014 World Congress. The exhibition will be a virtual and will enable Subud artists from around the world to display and sell their art on a global basis. It will be held in the virtual Green Chair



Gallery, the enterprise of Solihin and Sofiah Garrard from the UK. Visit the Green Chair Gallery at www.greenchair-gallery.co.uk and download more information [HERE](#).

Over 2,000 members of Green Chair Gallery's international audience will see your work in addition to Subud members all over the world!

Artists selected to exhibit in the online exhibition will also have the option to bring and show some of this work at the **Suitcase /Hand Luggage Exhibition in Puebla**. Deadline for applications is 28 February 2014.

Download [eligibility guidelines](#) and [application form](#).

SUSILA DHARMA USA

ELDERBERRY PROJECT LAUNCHED! *Support for Elders*

from Rohanna Muth

Ibu Rahayu's vision. Ibu Rahayu expressed her wish that Susila Dharma provide support to Subud Elders in need of practical or spiritual assistance in their lives. With this inspiration, Susila Dharma USA has created a project called *The Elderberry Program*, which will fall under the auspices of Subud USA before establishing its own independent non-profit 501(c)3 status. Mardiyah Tarantino, Rachael Knotz and Marilyn Schirk comprise the team that is helping to transform Ibu Rahayu's vision into reality.

Elderberry Volunteers. Volunteer Subud members will provide one-on-one support to Elders in the program (as indeed many members are already doing privately), with the hope of building long-term relationships. Volunteers may apply for monetary assistance in case of special circumstances. In addition to visits, transportation to doctors/other appointments and stores, etc., Volunteers may arrange transportation to and from latihan or make arrangements for latihan in their homes if desired. They may also need to liaise with local services and other community organizations as required. Volunteers will be matched to the Elderberry client by a regional Elderberry Board Member; conversely, if a Subud member is already aware of an Elder's need in their community, they can approach Elderberry to become part of the volunteer corp. Or, an elder Subud member can contact Elderberry to request a Volunteer. Volunteers and the Elderberry Board will work together to discuss problems, resolve issues and determine expenses for reimbursement. Ongoing needs assessments and an annual reporting process for services will be a key part of the program, as will feedback from Elders.

How Elderberry is set up. Funding for The Elderberry Program is anticipated through a grant from Susila Dharma USA. Elderberry will maintain its own books and records, and report regularly to Subud USA regarding members served, finances and overall status. The Elderberry Board will include a Director, one Board Member from each region and an ex-officio member from Subud USA. Rohana Broadnax (Subud Midwest), Liliana Williams (Subud California) and Rohanna Muth (Subud Rocky Mountains) are three tested and confirmed Board Members to date, and we hope to have Board Members in place from the other regions by 2014. We also hope to have coordinators in the centers to help coordinate Volunteer/Elder services.

Elderberry's mission. The primary mission of Elderberry is to meet the significant and growing need within the aging Subud community in the United States, caring for members who would welcome assistance as well as reuniting and serving our elder members who may have drifted away due to illness and/or age. Elderberry will leverage Subud networks – local and regional helpers, committees and affiliates – to identify Elders in need and understand the services to provide.

How you can serve as a Volunteer. If you feel moved to help an Elder member, please contact Elderberry about becoming a Volunteer. After the usual background check and drivers license verification, you will be introduced to an Elderberry client. You will learn how to liaise with local



We are grateful to Ibu Rahayu for lighting the flame beneath this endeavor. For those of us who are Elders, it will be comforting to know that this service exists, and for those who become Volunteers, it will be fulfilling to set foot on this natural path, enriching one another's lives > mutually rewarding for both Elders and Volunteers.

services and obtain legal papers you might need in some instances. Also, if you know of a Subud Elder's need in your community, don't hesitate to approach Elderberry to request a Volunteer who will meet and attend to that Elder.

Seeking a Director and additional Board Members.

Please let us know if you would like to become a Board Member from your region; (Subud South, East Coast, Pacific Islands and Pacific Northwest regions are still needed). Elderberry is also searching for a Director, and we would like to discuss this position with you if you are

interested. You can reach Marilyn at 503-297-5066 or mysusila@comcast.net Rachel at 310-874-5917 or encorerachael@gmail.com, or Mardiyah at 760-778-5371 or mardiyahat@gmail.com.

Elderberry welcomes all who have concerns about our elderly members, some who have given many years of service to Subud and to helping others. Special thanks to Rosetta Narvaez who has served as advisor to launching this project, and to those of you who have been volunteering on your own.

SUBUD YOUTH ACTIVITIES

TEN \$1,000 GRANTS FOR YES QUEST!

A generous donor has given \$10,000 to help ten young Subud members travel to Mexico and participate in the YES Quest and the World Congress. The Quest will run for 7 days in Puebla before Congress (July 26 to August 2) and 4 days after Congress at Usaha Abadi Mulia (August 17-21). The fee for the Quest, inclusive of program, accommodation and food is \$500. If you receive a grant, that would leave \$500 toward airfare. A YES Quest training

program will occur 3 days before the Quest and one day afterward for those interested in becoming facilitators. In addition, Subud USA is offering a grant of \$500 for one young Subud person to attend the event. For more information and to get an application form, contact silvana@yesquest.org with "Please send me a Mexico Quest Application" in the subject line.

[STOP PRESS! HUMAN FORCE IN PUEBLA](#) *(click on title for more information)*

After four successful volunteer camps between 2009 and 2012, Human Force will run its fifth camp in conjunction with SDIA member *A Child's Garden of Peace* during the last week of July, before congress begins. There, the Force will help develop a garden at a pre-school for disadvantaged children in Puebla (*photo*) and paint a mural in the pre-school building.

But a Human Force camp is much more than just the work to be done. So volunteers will also have the chance to play with and organise activities for the children. There will also be team-building and self-exploration, trips and a learning process on global issues



which will help you understand the project, its reason for existence and the interrelated nature of the problems that affect it and all of us.

So if you are young, or young at heart with lots of energy to give, and want to get involved with Susila Dharma in this way, please let us know as soon as possible at getinvolved@susiladharm.org.

[THE PUEBLA CHILD'S GARDEN OF PEACE](#), headed by Illene Pevec, is one way to give something back to the town and people of Puebla. SD USA and the World Congress

join SDIA in support of the project.

REGIONAL NEWS

SUBUD SOUTH REGIONAL CONGRESS 2013

November in Austin, by Elisa Sunflower (in photo)

There were 19 attendees from Austin, Dallas, San Antonio, Houston and Monroe, Louisiana. It was a good gathering with Latihans and socializing. After the first morning latihan, the women tested the following questions:

How would my day be if I began each morning receiving "Who is _____?"

How would it be for me to attend the Puebla International Congress in 2014?

May each of us feel for herself that part of self that is my soul – that was alive before I came into this world and that will be alive after I leave this world?

May I feel how I am in this world – inner and outer – when I am living according to true guidance from my soul?

When I am in this state, how do I regard my Subud brothers and sisters?

Let each of us feel for ourselves how important we are as individuals to the Subud South Region.

With these wonderful feelings the women were able to waft along into the business meeting with calm and surrender.

BUSINESS MEETING

With Morris McClellan, Treasurer of Subud USA, we discussed the pledge drive and annual census. Morris suggested that the regions adopt a pledge system. There is a shortfall in the national budget. Subud South does not contribute as a region, although many members send contributions directly to the national office.

Subud USA is considering a new data base which would include convention processing and be available to regions and centers as well. SUSA is also working on a change of IRS status to faith-based rather than just non-profit due to



the increasing paperwork and difficulties with our present status.

Morris reported that about 1/3 of the emails sent out by SUSA are opened.

A workshop on attracting new members was led by Elisa Sunflower.

HOUSE FUND

Harris Boebel described the history of the Housing Fund which is currently managed by the Austin group and holds about \$26,000. No one has any ideas, proposals, or plans as to how to use it. A spirited discussion ensued with no decision made to change the

status of the account.

NEW OFFICERS

Rosina Newton, Regional Helper from the Austin Group, was tested and elected unanimously for Subud South Regional Chair. Deborah Charnes, San Antonio Group, was tested and elected unanimously for Subud South Vice-Chair and John Schoenthaler, Dallas group, will be Treasurer for the coming term. Rochana Cash was tested in as Regional Helper to fulfill the place left by Rosina.

REGIONAL HELPER REPORT

Harris Boebel delivered a report of the membership which was less than positive with declining membership in the major groups of Austin, Dallas, and Houston. (Read his Helper Report on page 19.) Austin has barely any men and currently only one latihan a week. Although Austin was quick to respond that we are looking for a new meeting place to return to two latihans a week. Dallas has lost members and doesn't have two latihans a week. Houston is down as well.

Alexandra Boyer and Humphrey Williams, National Helpers, gave invaluable help with their time, attention, testing, and awesome quiet!

Elisa Sunflower has been contacting regional women members. Discussions amongst members and helpers at congress revealed that there were no groups in Subud South presently offering two latihan a week. So the regional helpers Rochana Cash, Elisa Sunflower, Harris

Boebel and Sylvan Schurwanz, later conferred and agreed to offer weekly rather than monthly latihan to serve the regional members and the members in groups who want a second latihan.

SUBUD CALIFORNIA REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

from Renata Reid, Regional Chairperson

Subud California had a three day Regional council meeting in Marin in January. We had three really productive days of meetings including a short meeting with the members of the Marin group. On Friday afternoon, a small delegation of council members and a national helper, Aminah Herrman (formerly Ulmer) met with some of the members of the Sonoma Center at their hall to discuss their property issues. They joined us on Saturday to be a part of a region-wide committee on housing and property management.

There was a lovely 3rd night Selamatan for Rochanah Weissinger on Saturday night with prayers from the Christian, Jewish and Islamic faiths, singing and silence. We had a lovely dinner of her favorite foods - Indonesian and chocolate!

This year our Regional Congress will be over Labor Day Weekend, August 29-September 1, in Joshua Tree, California. This is different from previous years because of the World Congress and A change in date of the National Congress. We now have a Facebook page for more info 'Subud California Congress 2014'.

LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION

Robina Page, Regional Chairperson writes:

We welcome new chairs for the Portland and Bellingham/Skagit Valley Centers. They will serve on the Regional Council, as well as provide organization and care to their groups. They are: Michael DuBois in Bellingham/Skagit and Gabriella Lu and Bhakti Watts as co-chairs of Subud Portland.

We have so many wonderful opportunities this year to get together with our brothers and sisters and to share in

our life together: Family camp, Menucha, a Western Canada Gathering in B.C. to which we are invited, the U.S. National Congress and World Congress.

Thank you for completing the regional survey through 'Survey Monkey'. There was great interest in having a simultaneous regional latihan for all members. The Regional Helpers have scheduled two regional latihan a month.

NEWS BRIEF FROM THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

from Hardwin Blanchard, Regional Chairperson

Wallace Klein and Deliana Fuddy, two longstanding Subud members in Honolulu, died recently. (See memorials on pages 28 and 30.) Wallace was working on re-establishing Subud's legal status in Hawaii, but was unable to find a copy of our bylaws. Somewhat jokingly, we suggested that after Wallace died, he was able to locate an old copy buried deep in Daniel Murren's (our Treasurer's) closet. In fact, Daniel did find a copy of the 1979 bylaws.

Subud Pacific Islands and Subud Honolulu are working together trying a new form of joint fundraising. In a single document we outlined the financial needs of Subud USA, Subud Honolulu, and Susila Dharma USA, and offered to have Subud Honolulu serve as a single collector. Daniel Murren now collects and distributes all contributions. We are hoping to increase participation by sharing with everyone how successful this has been.

NATIONAL NEWS

WHAT HAS THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE BEEN DOING?

from Shoshanah, Lucian, Daniel, Hamidatun and Morris

1. **CRM SOFTWARE (Customer / Constituent Management):** Subud USA just signed a contract with Neon for this online software package. This is a cloud-based system and will be available on anyone's computer via the internet. In addition to being a secure site, it is only accessible by logins, passwords, and verification codes. The software will enable Subud USA to integrate our membership database with our annual pledge drive, event registration (such as national and regional congresses), email communication such as our e-blast, storage of documents, and creation of forms and surveys. Its fundraising and event registration modules will synchronize with our Quickbooks accounting software.
2. **2014 NATIONAL CONGRESS:** We have signed a contract with Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh to host our Memorial Day National Congress. Thursday, May 22 is a kejiwaan day and Friday through Monday morning, May 23 – 26 are for the business congress, non-business workshops, entertainment, and latihans. We are also in the midst of signing a contact with the Hampton Inn, a nearby hotel with shuttle service to and from the airport and to and from the university. Both the university and the hotel are very close to the Pittsburgh airport.
3. **NEW OFFICERS SELECTED IN 2014:** Every two years, at the Subud USA National Congress, a new slate of officers is selected: chair, vice chair, and committee councilor. Also needed are chairs for Subud Enterprise Services (SES) and Subud Youth (and Family) Activities, Chairs of SD and SICA USA are serving three-year-terms until 2015. Once the Subud USA chair is selected, he or she will choose a secretary and treasurer. Job descriptions for some of these positions can be found on the subudusa website (SubudUSA.org) by clicking 'Members Page' at the top of the home page, then under 'Governance' click on 'Committee' > ['Committee Material'](#).
4. **2015 NATIONAL GATHERING:** We have signed a contract with the Sofitel Hotel San Francisco (in Redwood City) for our National Gathering to be held over Labor Day weekend in September of 2015. This is the same venue used by Subud California for their

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

August 1 - December 31, 2013

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CENTER
Emily	Conyngnam	Austin
Julie	Smith	Boston
Chuck	Dudal	Detroit
Burhan	Bustillo	Durham
Michael	O'Connor	Los Angeles
Jay Alan	Christian	Los Angeles
Lowney	Soonduck	Monterey
Sophia	Shim	New York
Morgana	Morgaine	PNW Region
Jane	Klassen	PNW Region
Ledon	Charo	SE Michigan
Irene	Wise	SE Michigan
Kristin	Oswald	Sonoma
Talaya	Trimes	Washington DC
Elaina	McCartin	Washington DC
Irene	Mendez	Washington DC

2013 Congress. The Subud USA Board voted that the national committee should attempt to secure venues for three successive gatherings so we have a better chance of finding the best venues.

5. **ARCHIVES:** The Subud USA Archives along with World Subud Association archives have been housed at Iron Mountain Storage facility in Phoenix for many years. Because of greatly increased rent and fees, it is now being moved to a much less expensive storage facility. See the article on archives on page 14.
6. **2013 CENSUS:** All centers, groups, and regions have returned the forms sent to them asking for updated membership and center information. The results show that we have an active membership of 1715, of whom 65 are new members. This includes active, semi-active, and occasional members. There are 157 members who became inactive during the past year – those who no longer do latihan, have resigned, or cannot be reached. Nine additional members died during the year.

7. **DELEGATES FOR THE 2014 NATIONAL CONGRESS:** The table below shows the number of delegates apportioned to each region based only on active and semi-active members. Not included in the count are those who come occasionally, such as once a year. There are an additional 11 delegates: 7 regional chairs, 1 national committee, 3 national wings/affiliates. Contact your regional chair or representative if interested in serving in this role.

DELEGATE APPORTIONMENT			
ENTITY	ACTIVE / SEMI-ACTIVE MEMBERS	3% OF MEMBERSHIP	No. OF DELEGATES
California Region	496	14.9	15
East Coast Region	419	12.6	13
Midwest Region	95	2.8	3
Pacific Islands Region	28	.8	1
Pacific Northwest Region	270	8.1	8
Rocky Mountains Region	164	4.9	5
South Region	89	2.7	3
TOTAL	1561		59

8. **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:** We are currently working on a 2014 membership directory based on the information we received in the census. Similarly to last year, we will have this online free-of-charge for all members with valid email addresses. For those who wish, we will offer paper copies for a small charge.

9. **SUBUD USA ENDOWMENT FUND:** Since Deliana Fuddy's term as chair of Subud USA (2006-8), we have been steadily growing the endowment fund she began.

The policy stipulates that none of the earnings (dividends and interest) can be used until the fund reaches \$250,000. Because of generous member donations and bequests, we have reached this milestone. At the end of this fiscal year, December 2014, the Subud USA Board of Directors will vote on whether to use the dividends or reinvest them to further grow the fund.

10. **PLEDGE DRIVE:** We are still following up on our end-of-year annual membership pledge drive, so do not have a final count on the amount of contributions received.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sebastian Tedrow



2013 was a year of big change for both me and the evolving job as Executive Director (ED) of Subud USA. For me, wrapping up the Aroma Creations business, (my former enterprise), becoming the Executive Director of Subud USA, selling our house, purchasing another and moving to the Seattle area plus a few health issues thrown in made for plenty of excitement. Working on defining the job of Executive director has been a moving target this last year. The position was discussed and debated for over a decade. It became real in 2012 with the appointment of the first ED, Oswald Norton. I believe Subud USA owes Oswald a great deal of gratitude for his ability to move the technology platform that we use if not to the future, at least in the current. His knowledge of systems planning and Microsoft software enabled us to move towards what the national helpers received - the future of Subud USA Office operations being as 'virtual' as possible.

This shift to a small office footprint and a large virtual presence has made for continual learning opportunities for

all involved. The work and dedication of the current National Committee has certainly helped in moving us to that new level. At the end of 2012 the old membership program simply gave up the ghost. We have spent a good deal of 2013 looking for a system that will enable the membership to participate in this new virtual experience. In 2014 we will launch a new online membership database called Neon. We will keep you informed through the monthly e-blasts as we prepare for our spring launch.

The actual bricks and mortar office (literally) is located in Beltsville, Maryland, next door to the Washington DC Subud house under construction. My contact email is executivedirector@subudusa.org. I am generally in my office most mornings, Monday through Friday PST.

We are also putting the final touches on the 2014 National Congress at Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh. You may download a paper copy of the registration form [HERE](#). One of the first tests of the new membership database will be to use an online registration form. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Pittsburgh; with big latihans and the opportunity to share our life experiences.

BILL RODGERS, *Subud USA Administrative Assistant*



My name is Bill Rodgers and I am the relatively new Administrator at the Subud USA National Office. I began this part-time position last September. I have many duties such as sending out new member packets, working with the National Helper Hoan Toan on new helper paperwork, working closely with our Executive Director, Sebastian

Tedrow, handling Subud USA regular mail and e-mail, answering the phone and checking messages, doing brick-masonry on our new national center building, etc. Well, this last duty is actually for the local group. I try to maintain a sense of humor so I can smile and make my

Subud brothers and sisters happy (or at least not frown too much). In fact, I like communicating with Subud members more than any other dimension of my administrative duties.

What I value the most in Subud is the Latihan. I am originally from the Midwest, but in the last 30 years (oops I gave away my advanced age) I have lived in Austin, Honolulu, and now Maryland. I also work as an Adjunct Professor of Political Science in a nearby community college. I can be reached by email using either subudusa@subudusa.org or bill@subudusa.org; my current office hours are Wednesday and Saturday from 8 am to Noon EST.



A CHAIN OF LOVE FOR DELIANA

Deliana Fuddy died in a plane crash on December 10. Deliana was Chair of Subud USA from 2006 to 2008, and it was during her term of office that the Subud USA Endowment Fund began. Deliana worked hard to raise awareness of and money for the Endowment Fund, and was one of the three trustees who oversee the investment of the fund, along with Hamilton Helmer and Isaac Goff.

You can make a contribution to the Subud USA Endowment Fund in memory of Deliana. We will join all of these contributions together as "A Chain of Love for Deliana", and add them as a memorial for her to the fund. Send checks to the Subud USA National Office at 4216 Howard Road, Beltsville, MD 20705.

The Chain of Love is a gracious vine in Hawaii that produces clusters of pink, heart-shaped flowers.

ENDOWMENT FUND REACHES MILESTONE!

Because of a recent bequest and contributions on behalf of Deliana to our permanently restricted Subud USA Endowment Fund, we have now surpassed our first objective, to reach \$250,000. According to our endowment policy, 'no dividends shall be used until a minimum principal sum of \$250,000 is established in the Fund'. At the end of 2014, the board of directors can decide whether to reinvest those dividends in the endowment or use them to fund projects and activities of Subud USA.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF BAPAK'S WRITTEN ARCHIVES

1986 TO THE PRESENT

by **Daniela Moneta, Archivist** (click on title to read full history)

"That is why I have explained that the archives are the source for Subud. They should be preserved for all time, because as long as we have the archives and they are professionally managed, Subud will not lose its source." 13 CDK 2. Ibu Rahayu's Explanations during WSHP Meeting, 30 Jul 2013

Bapak left behind a vast number of documents including his writings and publications, his correspondence with Subud members, his interaction with the organizational and kejiwaan sides of Subud, talks, messages to congresses, and much more. From 1956 to 1986 when Subud began to spread in the world, Bapak received thousands of letters from Subud members asking for advice on spiritual and worldly matters. Approximately 84,000 letters were received during this thirty-year period. These letters make up the bulk of the material in the WSA International Archives at Wisma Subud, in Jakarta, Indonesia. Since Bapak's passing, Ibu Rahayu has taken on much of the responsibility of answering members' questions and advising on spiritual matters. Original papers and now many digital files are being collected and preserved; these documents represent the history of our Subud organization. Historians tell us that it is critical to preserve the first fifty years of any major organization or movement. Bapak did an excellent job of preserving the first thirty years but since his passing, we have some major catching up to do to preserve the history of our organization from 1986 to 2006 and beyond.

Bapak passed away in June 1986. Harris Roberts and his mother Aishah Roberts, who lived at Wisma Subud, traveled around the world at the beginning of 1987 visiting Subud centers telling members that Bapak's Archives were in danger of being lost. They came to Subud Los Angeles where Daniela Moneta lived at the time; she was moved to become involved in the rescue of these archives. Daniela was a paper conservator; she had previously worked restoring books and documents in Italy for the Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale and the Italian State Archives from 1967 to 1973 and had a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science from UCLA (1980) with specialization in Archives Management. Daniela gave a presentation at the Subud California National Congress in the summer of 1988 about how to rescue the Subud archives in Indonesia. Lorenzo Music attended the presentation and agreed to

form a committee and be the fundraiser. Daniela began working on a detailed plan to purchase equipment and supplies for the Indonesian Archives and agreed to eventually leave her job as archivist for the Southwest Museum in Los Angeles to work in Indonesia. Fundraising for this project continued until the Colombian World Congress in 1993 when the first major step in preserving Bapak's written archives was completed.

In January 1989, Daniela attended the 8th World Congress at Sydney, Australia, where it was decided by the World Subud Association (WSA) to form five Subud Archives International (SAI) locations, these being Indonesia, England, Japan, Australia, and the United States. She combined this trip to the World Congress with a three-



View into climate controlled International Archive Room at Wisma Subud, Jakarta, Indonesia

week stopover in Indonesia to make an inventory of the collection and take measurements. She met with the Subud Archives International committee at the time consisting of Harlinah Longcroft, Harris Roberts, Pak Widarbo, and other Indonesians to plan for the preservation of Bapak's Archives, all of which were to remain in Indonesia.

Daniela created an archival numbering system for all Subud documents that could be used in all of the SAI centers. She purchased the equipment needed to arrange, preserve, and provide access to Bapak's Archives... She

began investigating the best options for de-acidifying the handwritten documents by Bapak on very acidic newsprint paper that were quickly deteriorating. The supplies and equipment were paid for by the fundraising efforts of Lorenzo and Henrietta Music and Ruslan Moore.

In June 1989, Daniela arrived at the Subud compound, Wisma Subud, in Jakarta, Indonesia, and worked full-time toward the completion of archiving all of Bapak's materials until July 1993, ending at the 9th Subud World Congress in Colombia. During this time she trained six Indonesian staff and several volunteers to help with the work, reported regularly to the International Subud Committee (ISC) on progress, wrote articles about the project, and worked with the fundraising team to support the project. ...She finalized the plan to preserve Bapak's handwritten documents on newsprint paper and had equipment shipped to Jakarta from the National Archives of Canada to de-acidify the thousands of papers in the collection. This work was completed in 1994.

During the last year and a half of Daniela's stay in Indonesia, there were two major floods at the P.T. S. Widjojo Bank building involving their archives which had been stored in the basement of the building. Daniela and her staff rescued the Widjojo collection two times by removing and drying it. After the second flood, she arranged to have selected documents moved to the Archives at Wisma Subud. This was an important collection of approximately a quarter million items.

The WSA continues to maintain five SAI locations for the microfilm; the Indonesian Archive location continues to hold Bapak's and Ibu Rahayu's original documents and the Australian Archive holds the majority of all other international materials, including those for writing the history of Subud. While preserving Bapak's writings was successfully completed, since 2012 ambitious efforts to preserve the remaining 1,300 original recordings of Bapak's talks have been underway as 'The Legacy Project' and, indeed, both projects form major parts of Subud's legacy.

Daniela continues to work as the volunteer coordinator in the Subud USA national and WSA international archives in the U.S. This includes collecting and preserving Subud documents in Area III covering Zones 7, 8, and 9 (the Americas). She is also working on a full-text electronic version of the microfiche set of Bapak's advice and receives a small stipend for special international archives

CARING FOR OUR LEGACY *Subud USA and International Archives*

For many years the Subud USA and US collection of Subud Archives International (SAI) have been stored at 'Iron Mountain' in Phoenix, but costs escalated and the facility was less than adequate. Daniela identified a new storage facility that will better serve our needs and began moving all the archive material with the help of the Phoenix Subud group. Marie Jeffers, Hartati Ramsey and Latief Dewes are volunteering in the archives once a week and will help with sorting and inventorying the collection and preparing it for indexing in the Subud Archives database.

The U.S. collection contains about 225 linear feet of material including organizational and kejiwaan papers, books and periodicals, photographs, and personal manuscripts and journals by Subud members. This collection is being reorganized into acid-free boxes and folders and an electronic index is being created. WSA is funding materials for the international collection and Subud USA must fund the storage costs, shelving and archival boxes for our collection. This is a new expense for Subud USA, as the bequest left by Lorenzo Music has almost run out.

Donations are more than welcome. Send what you can, earmarked "Archive Fund" to the Subud USA National Office: 4216 Howard Rd., Beltsville, MD 20705. Thank you!

projects. For example, she is developing a searchable, electronic finding aid to be used as a reference source... The archive team plans to demonstrate the database at the World Congress in Puebla.

NOTE: Read Subud Phoenix's impressions about helping with the archives on page 3. Photo: Moving the archives.



VISITED THE SUBUD USA WEBSITE RECENTLY? www.subudusa.org

by Lucian Parshall, webmaster

There are two main sections for the website:

1. FOR THE PUBLIC: www.SubudUSA.org is the site with general information for the public. The banner on the top of this page is Subud USA.

THE PUBLIC SITE provides the overview of Subud with six tabs that introduce our association: Home, The Inner Life, The Subud Association, Subud in Action, Subud Media and FAQs. It includes links to other Subud sites, the current newsletter, a directory of our Board, and other items.



2. FOR MEMBERS: www.SubudUSA.org/members.aspx is the site for members. The banner on the top of this page is Subud Members.

THE MEMBERS' SITE can be accessed from the general public page by going to the upper right corner and clicking on '**Members Page**' just to the right of the "Gift Shop".



The members' site has five tabs: Members, Subud USA, Governance, Community and Directory Login. The '**Subud USA**' and '**Governance**' tabs include information for

helpers, committee, on national events, archives of minutes, budgets and newsletters, and more. The '**Members**' tab includes giving and receiving and more.



The '**Directory Login**' tab is still 'under construction'. This tab will eventually contain two submenus: our annual Membership Directory as a PDF and access to the Membership Database. This is where members will login to edit their personal information. Initially it will contain information, per our bylaws, that was provided in the past on paper forms such as new member forms and the census. It may not be complete and will need to be filled in by you. If one is serving in a helper, committee or affiliate or partner organization role, there will be additional information about your responsibilities.

Watch for more information on the membership database as it progresses.

If you find typos or other errors please report them to Lucian Parshall, the webmaster, at Lucian.Parshall@ameritech.net.

2013 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT TREASURER'S COMMENTS

The "Actual" column is the final numbers for 2013, the "Budget" is what we projected at the beginning of the year, and the "Variance" column presents the difference between what we budgeted and how it all came out. Despite donations being much lower than planned, we managed to come out of 2013 in pretty good shape.

The combined endowment has now gone over the \$250K threshold. It doesn't mean we can immediately use any profits from the fund; that will be decided by the Board at the end of the year. It is an accomplishment, however, worthy of a moment of gratitude and celebration.

[This link](#) (for lack of space) shows a summary of our balance sheet, what we own and owe, as of the end of 2013. In addition to the endowment funds mentioned, we ended the year with a net of \$28,368 in general fund reserves. We also hold several other special-purpose funds, including \$117,228 in housing funds (of which \$105,962 is currently loaned out to 3 centers) and funds for SES, SYA, archives, and care support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Morris McClellan
Treasurer, Subud USA

2013 GENERAL FUND INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY			
	Actual	Budget	Variance
<i>INCOME</i>		<i>Negative Variance means Shortfall</i>	
California	\$ 17,338	\$ 28,596	\$ (11,258)
PNW	14,400	14,400	0
Pacific Islands	300	300	0
Rocky Mountains	6,000	6,000	0
South	800	1,000	(200)
Midwest	2,400	2,400	0
East Coast	7,200	7,200	0
Centers	2,760	4,000	(1,240)
TOTAL Regions/Centers	51,198	63,896	(12,698)
Member Contributions	67,571	88,500	(20,929)
Enterprise Contributions	1,530	9,996	(8,466)
National Congress Net	12,944	2,500	10,444
Advertising-Newsletter	440	204	236
Profit on Sales of Books	401	108	293
Rental Income	300	600	(300)
Special Fundraisers/Other	1,873	4,146	(2,273)
TOTAL INCOME	136,257	169,950	(33,693)
<i>EXPENSES</i>		<i>Negative Variance means Savings</i>	
Staff:			
Employee Payroll	15,905	22,735	(6,830)
Executive Director	38,306	37,800	506
Bookkeeping/Admin	3,150	9,480	(6,330)
Newsletter Editor	2,000	2,000	0
TOTAL Staff	59,361	72,015	(12,654)
World Subud Association	29,350	29,350	0
Zone 7	6,000	6,000	0
Helper Travel	16,399	24,000	(7,601)
Committee Travel	3,221	9,500	(6,279)
Services & Fees	10,068	10,600	(532)
Office & Administration	12,117	16,995	(4,878)
Miscellaneous	(154)	1,500	(1,654)
TOTAL EXPENSES	136,361	169,960	(33,599)
Net Operating Income (Loss):	(105)	(10)	(95)
<i>OTHER INCOME & EXPENSES</i>			
Bequest Income	8,543	0	8,543
Loss on Sale of Investments	(998)	0	(998)
Net Income (Loss):	7,440	(10)	7,450
2013 Endowment Summary			
Beginning of Year Balance	\$171,642		
Donations	\$ 57,133		
Dividends	\$ 4,462		
Market Value Gains (Losses)	\$ 25,993		
Ending Balance	\$259,229		

HELPERS AND SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCES

FROM OUR SUBUD USA NATIONAL HELPERS

CANDIDATE HELPER PROCESS

It would be helpful if center helpers review the process for having new helpers selected and approved. It appears that forms are missing for people who may already be somewhere in the process of becoming approved as helpers. We need to address this in order to have all helpers accounted for and before misunderstandings occur. Please be sure all your newly trained helpers and helper candidates have complete forms with photos filed at the national office.

NEW MEMBER FORM

We have become aware that members are being opened in Subud without the national office receiving a new member form. A person, of course, becomes eligible for membership when he or she is opened but according to the bylaws, "An eligible person becomes a member when his/her name and contact information are recorded in the Subud USA national membership

database." This cannot happen without receiving the new member form. Also, the national office sends a welcome packet to new members. To access the new member form, click on "Members" at the top of the website www.subud.org, then scroll down under "Governance" to "Helpers". Then click on "Helpers Material." You'll find a lot of forms and information on this page including the new member form. [Or simply click here.](#)

NEW NATIONAL HELPERS FOR NEXT TERM

The National Helper dewan is met in Denver from January 30 to February 2. The dewan is testing for new national helpers for the coming term. They request that any helper who wishes to test for this position first pretest with other local helpers. If the result is positive, then contact one of the current national helpers of the same gender.

NEW HELPERS

August - December 2013

A huge welcome and thank you to our four new helpers!

- *Latimah Bustillo, Durham, North Carolina*
- *Adriana Pevec-Brown, Regional Member Carbondale, CA*
- *Ariana Ward Defalco, Subud CA at Sacramento*
- *David Waxer, Southeast Michigan*

'COURAGE', FROM BAPAK'S LAST TALK

*Wisma Subud, 29th night of Ramadan, (87 CDK 5)
Sent by the National Helpers*

Brothers, your latihan has come a long way, but what's the point of having come a long way if the horse is sick? Meaning that the feeling with which you receive the latihan lacks courage. The fact is that because you lack courage your latihan has no effect, no result, in your life. Why is it that only Bapak, who is one man, alone, and an old man at that, is making progress? Why is it that only his progress can be seen outwardly while all of you remain just as you are? The fact is that in God's Power we have every kind of guidance, every kind of teaching. For God is Almighty, All-Rich, All-Capable, All-Intelligent, All-Understanding. If we want to be a film star, we will succeed. If we want to be a comedian, we will succeed. If we want to be whatever we want to be, we can succeed: providing we have courage. That's all that's lacking. So Bapak hopes that you will continue with your latihan, but based on a feeling of courage and acceptance and submission and patience.

AS FOR SUBUD SOUTH...

By Harris Boebel, Regional Helper

What I witnessed in the past three years as Regional Helper, and the past several years of residence both in Austin and Dallas has been distressing. Despite temporary increases in membership in both groups the overall tendency has been decline in membership... Here and there many of the members are deeply committed to the latihan for worship of God.

The reason for this decline to my mind is the inability of helpers and committees to embrace their responsibilities as outlined by Bapak throughout his life with us. In the end he told us we had made progress but lacked courage. As a longtime helper, I found that to be true of myself, so what I am saying applies to me as well.

Firstly, he said the strength of the group, its latihan and the bonding of the members into a community, a family, is the responsibility of the helpers, and if the helpers dewan was not unified and harmonious, then neither could the members be. And he often pointed out that the two dewans must be harmonious as well. We must learn to

truly love one another and love ourselves in order to demonstrate Subud, or we cannot attract new members.

Secondly, Bapak advised the Committees that their responsibilities were to find the money and the premises for latihan and attendant activities. Included in this was the admonition to start and foster enterprises so that the center members could learn to work with each other, take care of each other, and love one another. This is a heavy load.

Conclusion. He never said it would be easy. We assumed it was, and the world has grown so seductive materially, with an incredible increase in information and media possibilities, that if we have a job, car, home, TV and crazy phones, we are captivated by this world, unable to resist and unaware that Subud and the latihan is our primary concern. Bapak spoke about the 'bad' angels and their intent to mislead us and prevent us from returning to our original state. I believe they are very active, and very successful.



PHOTO: Ibu Rahayu leaving Adi Puri, Bapak's former home, now a cultural center at Wisma Subud, Jakarta, October 2012. Also shown are Luqman Penseny, WSA Chair, Hadrian Fraval, Zone 1-2 Representative, Ismana Haryono, MSF Trustee, and Muti Lee, WSA Translations and Bapak's granddaughter.

See WSA Chair Review, page 23.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

14TH SUBUD WORLD CONGRESS NEWS

Puebla, Mexico, 2 – 17 August, 2014

“...Thus Subud is beginning to pioneer: to pioneer the way to harmony, to pioneer the way to peace, to pioneer the way truly to worship God, the One God for all; that is, for all His creatures. Clearly then, brothers and sisters, this Subud International Congress was indeed of great importance and much needed in order that little by little we should begin to school ourselves so that the peoples of the world may be harmonious.” - Bapak speaking about the importance of the Fifth World Congress in Germany, 75 CDK 4

OVER 700 REGISTRANTS were registered toward the end of January. There are only six months left before congress. Consider just registering now and coming back later to book meals and/or transport.... Visit <http://subudworldcongress2014.com> for complete information on the venue, finding a roommate, the program, and much more. Visit the official World [Congress Facebook page](#).

PAYMENT OPTIONS: Wondering about ways of paying?

Remember there are a number of ways we are helping people to get to the congress, so please don't dismiss it simply due to financial reasons. We have added American Express (AMEX) to our payment options. Members only able to come for one week, please ask for a [Discount Code](#): Email Halimah at swcdiscounts@gmail.com.



DISCOUNTED TRAVEL CODES TO CONGRESS: A member in California has found discount codes for air travel to Mexico City and Puebla starting roughly one week before and ending one week after congress (August 2-17). The discounts vary between 5% and 10% of the ticket cost. He has also acquired discounts with Avis and Hertz rental cars. What's more, Subud USA will acquire mileage for every ticket number you send to the National Office. Find phone numbers and discount codes [HERE](#).

[12 GOOD REASONS](#) why you and your family should come to the Subud World Congress this year!

The central Plaza of the Convention Centre will be the main meeting area. It is the place to easily meet up with friends. In the evening it will turn into a late night performance hot spot and hang out area. Local fair trade partners will be supplying us with natural beverages and local Mexican snacks. The Convention Centre is situated next to the Centro Histórico – a UNESCO heritage site.

FAMILY PROGRAM: Read an [overview](#) of the “mini-congress” that is being planned for families. We already have nearly 40 children and youth under 18 registered, with about half that number enrolled. Questions? Email Family Program Director, Mary Wold, family@subudworldcongress2014.com.

YES QUEST GRANTS: Find out about grants for young members to attend congress and the Quest on page 8.

FOR SUSILA DHARMA AND SUBUD ENTERPRISES, there is a wide balcony running along the full length of the Convention Centre where social and commercial endeavours will introduce their activities and projects.

THE SUBUD INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (SICA) is gradually building its program. Check the TEATRO PRINCIPAL for 3 shows...2 are WORLD

PREMIERES!

1. A Classical String Sextet led by Csaba Erdélyi
2. Creativity in Captivity by Dahlan and Honor Foah
3. Puppeteers without Borders by Erica Zoltan Sapir

THE SICA PRIZE 2014: SICA is awarding a significant cash prize to a young person, age 19-28, active in Subud, who demonstrates an extraordinary TALENT in some field. The prize, minimum \$10,000, will be awarded at the Subud World Congress in Puebla. To be considered, please submit an application



through SICA USA. An independent jury will review all nominations. Download [eligibility guidelines](#) and [application form](#).

FASHIONATION, a Fashion Show, is scheduled for the 9th of August. It will be highly professional. The intention is to draw the press and VIP's to this event.

CONGRESS AMBASSADORS: Mara Grbenick is still looking for Ambassadors to create awareness and to promote World Congress fundraising events. Reynold Orchard, Subud Portland, was one of the first to sign up. If you are interested, write to Mara at maragrbenick@gmail.com.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Many of the questions are answered on subudworldcongress2014.com

Q : What are the dates of the congress?

A : 2nd to 17th of August 2014. The 2nd is the arrival day; the 17th is the departure day

Q : What is the weather like in Puebla in August?

A : It is tropical, in other words sunny and warm but with rainstorms usually in the afternoon. Bring a light rain coat.

Q : I have heard Puebla is high up, what are the health incidences?

A : Effectively Puebla is at 2.100 meters or about 7.000 feet. Puebla is on a plateau and on the horizon you see Popocateptl looming up to 5.000 meters, so the effect is not quite like when you climb a mountain. Still normal people may feel mildly out of breath if one runs or when walking up a hill. It would be recommended that anyone with a heart condition, though, consult their doctor.

To read the complete list of FAQs, click the title.

WORLD CONGRESS PROPOSALS AND NOMINATIONS

Letter to WSA Member Countries from WSA Executive, January 2014

World Subud Association member countries are invited to send proposals to the WSA Executive at wsa@subud.org by 28 February 2014 so they can be circulated to all WSA Member countries to allow time for discussion. Two proposals submitted by Subud USA and Subud Germany were circulated in August 2013. (See the [February 2013 issue](#) of Subud USA News, page 22). Proposals can also come from WSA partner organisations and affiliates and these should also be sent to the WSA Executive by 28 February 2014. Proposals to date include:

1. WSA Bylaw Changes - from Subud USA
2. Change in WSA registration location - from Subud Germany
3. First Ever WSA Mission Statement
4. Archive Proposal
5. Consensus
6. WSA Country Membership Changes

Nominations for all WSA international officers, including WSA Chair and the WSA Executive (formerly ISC) Team,

should be sent at least one month before World Congress, by 2 July 2014. Affiliate and partner organisations such as SICA, SESI, SDIA, SIHA and MSF will also be looking for new chairs or coordinators. The Youth Team (SYAI) will be changing. International Helpers are tested in by the outgoing International Helpers' dewan at World Congress.

[Read the entire letter.](#)

PROPOSED WSA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the WSA network through its member countries and partner organisations is to foster the spiritual training (latihan kejiwaan) that comes from within the individual Subud members, as well as the beneficial use of the spiritual practice of Subud, including the development of individual talents. The WSA network nurtures the worldly expressions of this practice that benefits society, aiming towards a more peaceful world in which humans can enjoy a healthier inner and outer environment.

PUEBLA CONCERT, CALL FOR MUSICIANS

Dahlan and Honora Foah recently returned from Puebla, Mexico, to prepare for a *Creativity in Captivity* (www.creativityincaptivity.org) Concert sponsored by the Subud International Cultural Association. *Creativity in Captivity* is based on a collection of almost 5,000 pieces of music written by those interned during World War II. This collection includes music written by Jewish prisoners, Roma, Catholic monks, political prisoners and even German and Italian prisoners of war.



Dahlan and Honora write: "We need the following professional musicians: Two Guitarists, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Two Flutes, Trombone, Trumpet, String Quartet - Two violins, viola, cello, Additional Violins, Pianist, Cabaret Singer, Percussion, Accordion.

Music excerpts from a previous concert and photos are at: www.creativityincaptivity.org/Blog/gallery/. I will put out a separate call for a chorus and soloists (singers)."

Read about Dahlan's participation in a forum and multi-media event at the U.S. State Department that included live performances from *Creativity in Captivity* in the [2013 August issue of Subud USA News](#). The venue is the Teatro Principal, the oldest theatre still operating in North America, having been completed in 1760, (*photo*).

Dahlan also conducted the concert "[A Prayer For All Mankind](#)" at the New Zealand World Congress with the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra Strings and many Subud members singing in the chorus.

ZONE REP SELECTION PROCESS

from Dave Hitchcock, Zone 7 Representative, Victoria, Canada

The term of a Zone Representative runs from one World Congress to the next. Here are links to two documents: the [Job Description and Qualities/Characteristics](#) and [Selection Process](#) for the Zone 7 Representative.

I am sometimes asked to briefly list what I see as the main benefits of the role of the Zone Rep and Council. Here they are:

- The Zone Rep chairs the Zone Council. Although we share the latihan, we are different in so many ways. The Zone 7 Council meets by conference calls throughout the year and at one annual in-person meeting.
- The Zone Council acts as a bridge between the national and international organizations. It provides a means of communication in both directions.

- The Zone Reps are members of the World Subud Council, along with the Wing Representatives and International Helpers. The role of the Council is to carry out the resolutions, business and wishes of World Congress between Congresses.

Please consider the position. The Kejiwaan Councillors have recommended that applicants pre-test: "Is it right for (name) to put his/her name forward to stand for the position of Zone 7 Rep for the coming term?" You can contact me by email, dave_hitchcock@shaw.ca, or phone in Canada 250 370-1291.

All applications should be sent to the respective National Committees by March 31, 2014. The final selection will be made at Puebla, and it is hoped that most of the applicants can be present, although this isn't mandatory.

ZONE 7 REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

for Zone Council Conference Call, 19 January 2014

Dave Hitchcock, dave_hitchcock@shaw.ca

I am a member of the World Congress Program Planning Team. This group of 14 has been working hard in developing a program framework for the World Congress in Puebla. There is very good representation from Zone 7 on this team, as it also includes Latifah Taormina, Rashad Pollard (USA), Kumari Beck, Luqman Pensene, Grace Hodgson, Hamilton Schragen (Canada), and Mariamah Flores, Fernando Fatah (Mexico). ...Subud members have an opportunity to offer workshops when they register for the Congress and it is expected that a further request will go out soon. In addition, national committees have been invited to submit resolutions / proposals for discussion and voting at the Plenary Session. (See related article on page 21.)

If you have any specific suggestions for the organization of the upcoming Congress, please pass them on to me and I will forward them.

National committees recently received a letter from the WSA Executive about 'WSA Country Membership'... to review the criteria and responsibilities of WSA membership. Most recently I have been working with our Zone 7 Cuba Committee to ensure that we do all that is practically and financially possible to assist the Cuban delegates to get to the World Congress. We are hoping that at least 5 Cubans can attend.

WSA ORGANIZATION WORKING GROUP

At the 2010 Christchurch World Congress, one resolution called to establish an Organizational Working Group to examine the organizational health of the World Subud Association. The three main focus areas are: (1) The Aims of the WSA, (2) The Elements, Organs, Bodies of the WSA, and (3) The Decision Making Process.

The World Subud Council formed a Working Group and two Advisory Sub Groups, one Spanish speaking and the other English speaking. Rasjidah Franklin is participating in the English speaking group, as are Kumari Beck and Dave Hitchcock. The resolution on WSA Country Membership is the first issue the Working Group will review.

WSA CHAIR REVIEW, Quarters 3 -4, 2013

World Subud Association (WSA) Chairperson, Luqman Pensene, sends periodic reports based on his experiences in our global community. Here are excerpts from his most recent, which you may in full [HERE](#).

IBU AND WORLD CONGRESS: We had always anticipated that Ibu's health might prevent her from attending World Congress, so the WCOT team has been planning for both eventualities. Then in early September Muti contacted Maxwell and I on behalf of Ibu saying that Ibu's recent health issues had indicated to her that she could not attend Congress. We felt disappointed, but also sense the challenge to take responsibility now for our own Congress...coming together to explore our Subud culture in all its manifestations. Nevertheless Ibu plans on making talks for us to see/hear on video during the Congress. The

Congress content teams plan on providing Bapak Talks Venues/evenings etc.

YOUTH TO CONGRESS: With perhaps 12-13000 active members worldwide, we may have 2000 younger members under the age of 30-35. These and those who are attracted to Subud through them, are part of the future of Subud; we neglect them at our peril..! Some are from less wealthy countries with a large memberships, like Indonesia (4000+ members), Colombia (500 members)... but also USA (2000 members), Britain (1200), Canada (350), Australia (450), Germany (400) etc. who although wealthier countries, still need support and encouragement for their younger members to attend; to be present at this our greatest event-gathering in Subud now that Bapak is no longer with us.

FROM AND ABOUT MEMBERS

MY STORY AND THE EARLY DAYS

by Harun Taormina, '*...this is what I had been looking for since the day I came out of the womb*'

God, there has to be something else!

By the time I was thirty-five, I had a nightclub in San Francisco, an apartment in one of the city's great old mansions, a redheaded girlfriend, and a life that was one big roller coaster ride. High one minute, low the next, pain, jealousy, insecurity. Everywhere I looked people were just feeding off each other, using each other for their own gain. There was absolutely no reality. It was 1957. Life was the shits, and getting high was my only refuge.

But the truth is I'd been turned off by how the world was since childhood. Maybe because I wasn't wanted in the first place. My parents were Italian immigrants who thought they were finished with children when I came along. My mother had already borne 12 children. So when she discovered she was pregnant, she was very disappointed. Not another child. And there was the language, too. My parents didn't speak English. Very little. My older brothers and sisters could understand them, but by the time I came, there was so much English in the house, I didn't learn Italian. I could understand it, but not speak it. So from the beginning, things didn't really fit. I didn't feel I belonged anywhere.

I'd look for places to belong. I used to think there were connections with the kids in my neighborhood. With anything that didn't have to do with school. Although I do remember going to catechism as a kid — and loving it — because of all the stories the nuns told about Jesus and the saints. I always left my catechism classes with a wonderful feeling. But as soon as I was back out on the streets, those feelings would evaporate and the stories would seem like fairy tales. The people I knew weren't like that at all. It was as if I'd been shown the parts of a clock without being shown how the clock worked.

So now nothing made sense, nothing connected. That's why I ended up deciding to follow whatever interested me. Of course, that's like a man riding shotgun on a stagecoach when no one has hold of the reins. What interested me was tuning out what didn't make sense. Marijuana became my passion, and my habit. Funny thing though, I never got high in the daytime. Only at night.



*Harun with Luthfi James (now deceased),
Rashad Tarantino and Peter Filippelli, 1964 or 65*

Right around this time, Laura, my girl friend and a follower of the Gurdjieff-Ouspensky work, came into the club to show me a card she'd just received from the George Field Book Store in San Francisco. This card announced a series of special informational talks by John Bennett... On this occasion, Bennett was going to give a talk about this new movement in the world called "Subud." And he would also be introducing a man from the East who was connected to Subud, someone they all called Pak Subuh, or "Bapak". Laura commented that she had also heard that Gurdjieff, before he died, predicted the coming of a man from the East who would be able to take inner development to another level. When I heard this, I started to cry. My own life had reached the point where I felt that if this were life, I might as well be dead. I knew I had to meet this Mr. Bennett.

...On the night of the talk, he came out on stage with a huge black board with the Subud symbol drawn in chalk. He bowed his head and shut his eyes. He stayed this way so long I began to wonder if he had died...[Read Harun's complete story.](#)

Harun passed away in January; please see page 29.

SPIRITUAL TALES FROM DIKRAN GARABEDIAN

Regional Member from Roswell, New Mexico

A Talk with Rohanna Muth

Dikran was raised in Salinas, California, and memories of his early life are, in great part, vividly spiritual. From the beginning, he sought the spiritual life and ultimately became a world traveler who trekked to Europe, Asia and North Africa, not only seeking adventure but searching to fulfill his destiny.

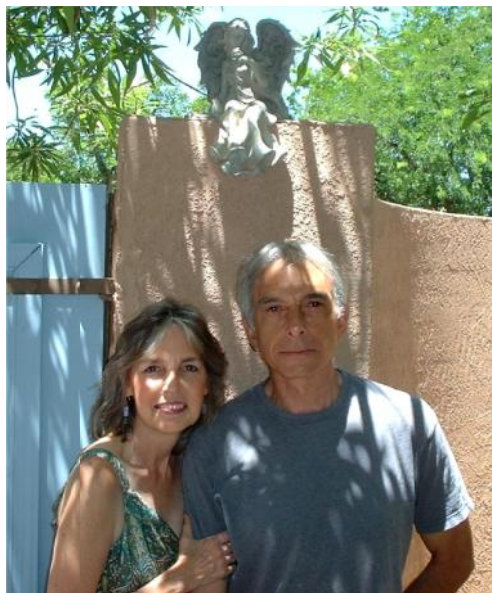
When Dikran (then Gary) was 19, his father, a chiropractor and enlightened soul, recognized his son's inner turmoil and quest for the spiritual life. (Years later after he was opened, Dikran discovered the book, *Concerning Subud*, in his father's library.) Dr. Martin sent his son to visit a friend and patient, Will Eddy, a 92-year-old nephew of Mary Baker Eddy who founded the Christian Science religion in the 19th century. Will was almost blind due to his participation in developing the X-ray before the effects of radiation were known. His house was like a museum, with mementos and photos of his world travels, along with an immense library of books. Will had gained strong spiritual wisdom as a student of metaphysics for over 70 years. Dikran would read to the old man. Will Eddy shared his deep experiences with fasting and prayer, which became an integral part of Dikran's life.

In 1972, 22-year-old Dikran spent a year on the Mediterranean island of Formentera, between Spain and North Africa. One day while making a phone call in a small public room, a man appeared in the doorway. Their eyes met and a silent, meaningful interchange took place. Ronimund von Bissing (author of *Songs of Submission*, a poetic book about the latihan) asked the young man if he needed help since Dikran spoke no Spanish.

Ronimund then asked, "Do you follow a way?"

Dikran nodded, "Yes."

Ronimund replied, "Would you like to come to dinner?"



Within a few months, Dikran was living, and working at the Von Bissing's Hotel. It was there that he was opened and began his journey in Subud.

Dikran returned to Salinas several years later where he started his own electronics company specializing in video repair. It was there that he met his wife, Betty, also a Subud member and registered nurse. They eventually bought a motor coach and toured the country for over seven years, often volunteering their services in state parks in exchange for their space. Eventually, Betty wanted a home once again and they chose Roswell, New Mexico, for its small

population, favorable climate and somewhat isolated location. Betty, with over 40 years' experience, still returns to Salinas to carry out per diem work as a recovery nurse. They have spent the last five years remodeling and enjoying their home, yet they look forward to once again taking up the nomadic life in their motor coach to visit Subud groups and places not yet seen.

When Dikran's grandparents came to the US from Armenia, their surname of Garabedian was changed to Martin. Dikran explained that his first name was given to him by Bapak during one of his visits to Indonesia; it is an Armenian name.

A three-year-old Dikran told his parents that he wanted to change his name when he got older. "Maybe my ancestors were pushing! So my parents weren't surprised when I ultimately changed from Gary Martin to Dikran Garabedian," he laughs softly.

Dikran urges new members and regional members in particular to not put off doing latihan on a regular basis. "It can sometimes be difficult to feel motivated, but as 'essence' begins to overcome ego and its constituents, those forces wane in their influence on one. Light fills where once there was darkness; the subtleties of resistance continually lessen."

A CELEBRATION OF HEALING

A Powerful Project by Sal Brownfield

Longtime Subud member and artist/sculptor, Sal Brownfield, recently created a series of portraits of men and women who have survived breast cancer titled "Sal Brownfield: A Celebration of Healing," which were on display through December 28th at the Hudgens Center for the Arts in Duluth, near Atlanta, Georgia.

Writer Eve Hoffman included a written story to accompany each painting in this powerful project. As Sal captured the essence of his subjects on canvas, he came to know their individual stories and realized they also needed to be expressed in writing. The idea for their art book, "A Celebration of Healing" was born and is available on Amazon and through Charis Books.



Sal is also known for a number of commissions including an International Exposition at the United Nations Pavilion in Genoa, Italy, and a landscape painting at Inner Harbour Hospital in Douglasville, Georgia, a facility for troubled boys. Gallery and studio shows include the Trinity Gallery in Atlanta and Spazio in San Salvador, El Salvador, among others. Sal has

also served as CEO and Art Director at Paradigm, Inc. in Cincinnati and Project Manager and Designer for Anugraha Hotels Limited in Windsor, UK. He has also acted, designed and built sets in Provincetown, MA. and Winchester, VA theatres. To learn more about Sal and his work, go to <http://salbrownfield.wordpress.com/>.

NEED A 2014 CALENDAR?

'Nature Speaks Photography' calendars by Halimah Martin are available for \$15. Visit www.naturespeaksphotography.com. "The best photographs remind us of the gift that is Creation." - Halimah



HOW'S MELINDA?

You will remember that last July Melinda Wallis fell and broke her femur. She had surgery, is wheel chair bound and is living in a care facility near family and friends, but in good spirits - even if her life has so changed that she feels she's living 'on another planet'. You may send cards and letters to: Melinda Wallis, c/o Life Care Center of Kirkland, 10101 NE 120th Street, Kirkland, WA 98034. Or call her cell phone at 425 233-7845; 4:30 pm Pacific Time or later, please. Melinda treasures her ongoing contact with Subud friends.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS, to Julia and Rohanna

Just to tell you both that I like and appreciate the new issue and new format of the on-line newsletter. The whole page print lay-out is just super-D-duper for the likes of me.

Perhaps y'awl could lift a little trick from Canada's SCAN. Their issues usually have lots of little Bapak Quotes, and Ibu's too, scattered through the magazine. Two or three sentences about something will catch our eye (jiwa?? ...hopefully) and we can savor that little moment easily. Maybe the national helpers could be in charge of culling talks, etc. to find suitable quotes. Since newer members

never had personal experiences with Bapak, there may be little interest in what he had to say...."who was that guy, anyway?"....and this could stimulate interest to listen and read other Bapak Talks.

Lionnell (Covert)
Subud San Luis Valley in Colorado

EDITORS' NOTE: You will find two quotes in this issue and we hope to include more in the future.

LIFE CYCLES

WELCOME

NURENA!

from the Washington DC group

We welcome into our Subud family Nurena, the baby daughter of Ajeng Soemantoro and Hermanto Widarbo. Take a look at the picture. Isn't she a darling? She is the granddaughter of our vice chair, Wijati, and our treasurer, Effendy.



[THE MARRIAGE OF AMINAH ULMER TO BENEDICT HERRMAN](#)

December 21, 2013 (click title to read more)

An Indian theme ceremony honoring the memory of Benedict's mother, who was born in India, was playfully executed in the decoration, attire and colorful wedding cake adorned with two elephants symbolizing longevity, faithfulness and good luck. Friends made paper roses, a tradition started by Aminah's mother years ago, to adorn the entry way and tables in the reception. Many members pitched in to help in so many ways, it is impossible to list them all... The wedding truly became a community event.



The ceremony took place at the Sacramento Subud House with a gathering of family, friends and Subud members surrounding the couple. To begin, Benedict read a poem by Rabindranath Tagore entitled '[Unending Love](#)'. The ceremony was performed by Benedict's daughter, Orianna

Milne, with a deeply meaningful text remembering loved ones, ancestors, and family that could not be present.

The newly-weds have known each other almost 40 years through Subud. Both have been Regional Helpers, Regional Chairpersons, on the Board of Directors for Subud USA, as well as local helpers. Aminah is currently a National Helper. They will remain in Sacramento until Benedict retires, when their plans are to move back to Portland... unless, of course, the Almighty has other plans.

The couple honeymooned in New York. Photographs were taken by a Brent Harrison, a professional photographer and long time friend of Aminah's family. Visit brentphoto.com/wedding to attend this happy occasion 'virtually'!

NOTE: See the SICA interview with Benedict on page 6.

REMEMBERING

DELIANA LORETTA FUDDY

from the Subud USA National Committee

Our dear sister, Deliana Loretta Fuddy, died in a plane crash on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, one half mile off the coast of Molokai, Hawaii. She was 65 years old.

The plane was en route to Honolulu. Many of us knew Deliana as the Chairperson of Subud USA from 2006 to 2008.



A small plane carrying nine people (a pilot and eight passengers) had engine failure and crashed into the water. Deliana, who was director of the state Department of Health since January, 2011, was killed. The other eight survived.

The passengers were returning from their annual visit to Kalaupapa, a remote peninsula on the north side of Molokai. Hawaii exiled people with leprosy or Hansen's disease to Kalaupapa from 1866 through 1969. Some are still living there today. Deliana, in her role as director of the health department, was appointed mayor of this community.

Deliana became known for, among other things, verifying the authenticity of President Obama's birth certificate. Senator Josh Green, chairman of the committee on health, said "It's so appropriate that just yesterday the stories broke that Hawaii was number one in health again for the country, and I think director Fuddy deserves the credit for that." Governor Neil Abercrombie said, "Loretta was deeply loved and respected. She was selfless, utterly dedicated and committed to her colleagues in the Department of Health and to the people of Hawaii. Her knowledge was vast; her counsel and advice always given from her heart as much as from her storehouse of experience."

Subud USA donated \$50 to our general endowment fund* in Deliana's name and sent a card on behalf of all U.S. members. Many members, (e.g. Ralph Davila, Renata Robb, Ruslan Feldman), forwarded links to videos and articles about the crash for those who may wish to find out more.

- www.kitv.com/news/hawaii/loretta-fuddy-remembered-as-good-lady-and-genuine-person
- www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/12/12/hawaii-obama-birth-certificate

Mardiyah Tarantino: It is so hard to accept her death because her life was devoted to others, professionally and as a Subud member. She was a positive, upbeat lady whom we all loved. I believe she must be needed somewhere else more important than this planet. May she rest in peace.

Reynold Ruslan Feldman: Deliana Loretta Fuddy was a wonderful human being and a beloved friend. I am crying as I write this note. "Deliana darling, we'll miss you. Thank you for all you meant to me and my family--cooking for us on Simone's last evening and on occasion praying the Rosary or doing latihan with her as she lay dying. You were a model Subud member for us and for many. May you rest in peace!"

**Read about the 'Chain of Love Memorial for Deliana' for the Subud USA Endowment Fund on page 13.*

ROCHANAH WEISSINGER

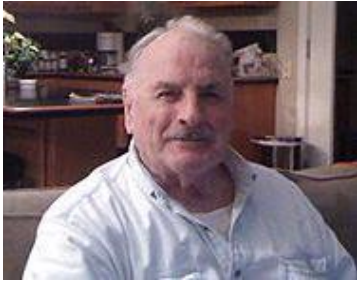


Longtime Subud member Rochanah Weissinger passed away unexpectedly in her home on January 16th. She was 71 years old. She will be greatly missed by her family and the many friends she made over the years.

Rochanah was a member in Marin, LA and most recently Chico. She served as a Helper, California Chairperson, Zone 7 Representative from 1997 to 2001 and organized the first 'Americas Gathering', then called the 'Pan American Gathering'. She was a strong advocate for others and a steadfast friend of the Cuban Subud members. She was bigger than life and touched many people.

Read tributes and memories on Rochanah's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/rochanah.weissinger. A memorial was held at the Chico Subud Hall on Sunday January 26th and there will be another in Marin for friends and family living in the Bay Area, date to be announced.

HARUN TAORMINA
from Latifah Taormina



My husband, Mhd. Harun Taormina, age 90, passed on, on 7 January, 2014, after years of pain. Now he is free.

He has been ill for a very long time, so am sure he is in a much better place

already. Please keep him in your prayers that God forgive him every sin and mistake and that God reward all his many good deeds and that the angels -- and his many friends who've gone before -- sing and guide him home to God.

Harun was opened by Bapak in 1958 in San Francisco -- when Bennett came to explain Subud. He took one look at the Subud symbol and knew this was what he'd been looking for all his life. Back then he had a club in San Francisco called "The Vagabond" and he was the first person to introduce Middle Eastern music and dance into the clubs there.

He was married for many years to Siti Rohana Taormina. She passed on around 1985, and was indeed the love of his life -- and my very best friend. I had never thought of Harun in any romantic way, but when Harun came to the Sydney congress, he took me out to dinner....and there was some electricity then. We were married in 1990 -- at a Poetry Festival -- in Santa Fe. He was husband, brother, lover, friend...

Harun is truly one of noble character. God bless. May your journey be light and free and glorious.

There will be a 40th Day Selamatan and Celebration of Harun's Life February 15, 2014, at the Marin Subud House. (Read 'Harun's Story' on page 24.)

RAYMOND ROEBEL
from Athena Solbeck Robel

Raymond, 72, passed into spirit on Sunday, December 22nd, shortly after a latihan with three of his brothers. He was at home and peaceful. Two of his five children, Roger and Martin, a daughter-in-law and the youngest Robel, Leila Rose, 9 months, were all present. He had been diagnosed with Idiopathic

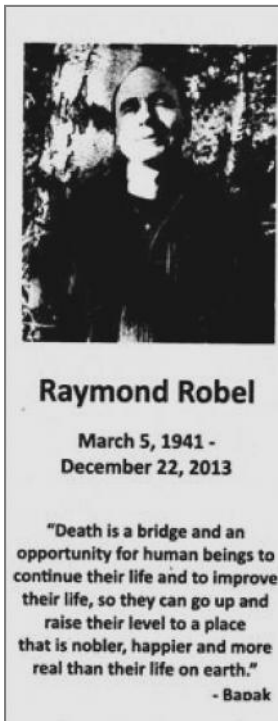
"...death should be a channel"

Alexandra Boyer, National Helper, offers this: "I read this last night, and thought it was a good quote. It's from Bapak's Talks - Volume 2, and the talk is 25 June 1958 in Jakarta." (58 JKT 2)

Death is usually felt and thought to be a threat, the ultimate threat. For once we are dead it is impossible for us to live any more. Once a person is dead the story of his life in this world is over. But It is God's will for humankind, whom He created, that death should not be a threat or something perilous for their life. On the contrary, God wills that death should be a channel, a continuation for human beings, so they can continue the life of their inner feeling, a life of glory and unlimited happiness; that is, if the human being is aware of it, if they have received God's will, which has been created within their being and which is usually said to be written within a human being's chest, being the structure for their life.

Pulmonary Fibrosis, [a lung disease] seven months earlier.

Raymond lived a big full life. In his twenties, he found Subud while living and working in Australia and it became one of the most important parts of his life for the next fifty years.



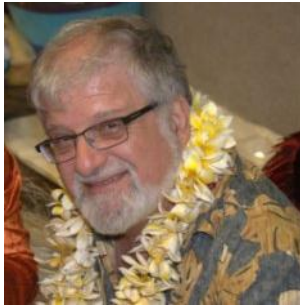
During the last week of his life, his son Roger and I read many cards and memories sent by family and friends. They were filled with love, humor and gratitude; Raymond felt uplifted and asked that they be read again and again. The atmosphere in our home felt light.

Raymond's wishes included burial in the Seattle area and a life celebration at the San Diego Subud House, his local group for 19 years. It will tentatively be held April 5, 2014. There was also a memorial for his large extended family at the Subud Seattle Spring Street Center.

It has certainly been a challenging time, but there have been many blessings. Thanks to all of you who were truly there for us these last few months. We appreciated your kindness, caring, and presence. It soothed our souls to feel connected and loved.

Rasjidah Franklin writes of Raymond: He was a long time member of the Subud California Regional Council, the governing body of the California / Nevada Region. He served as Vice-Chair of the Region (2005-07) and lately as Regional Treasurer. He was a respected and loved Helper in San Diego...a truly selfless, generous and kind man.

WALLACE KLEIN



Wallace Klein of Waimanalo, Hawaii, passed away on October 24, 2013. He did not make it through surgery during a stint procedure. He was 72.

Healani, Wallace's wife, writes: "Wallace served in Vietnam, went to Temple and

Colombia Universities and was top in his class. Wallace stopped practicing law in the early 80's and continued using his law knowledge in assisting real estate businessmen in writing and property management. He finally found his passion in writing and editing. His dream came true in editing a novel titled [The Lazarus Conspiracies](#) by Richard Rose. It is available through Savant Publishing and Amazon."

Healani continues: "Besides his career with law, writing, and editing, he loved his family. He spoiled me with love, kindness, and the abundance of peace and surrender. He always told me that all of our children were special to God because they were a special link to God's vision of peace on earth. After his death two of his children were opened in Subud. I was honored that Deliana [Fuddy] opened them. Our son was opened about four years ago. I know Wallace is very happy that his children getting to experience what he loved - latihan." The children are accomplished, with one coming in [2nd for Miss Hawaii](#), another Lei Queen of Oahu, another an anesthesiologist, a nurse, a business owner and the youngest an up-and-coming hula dancer. Healani continues: Wallace also encouraged me in photography, if not for his support, my dreams of becoming a photographer would not exist."

www.lightofthesoulphoto.com.

"Wallace was so loved by many people. One person likened him to a pier that people lashed their boats to. That was Wallace, always ready to help anyone and listen to them - a great mind and gentle soul." Here is a video remembering Wallace: <http://www.vimeo.com/82940561>, the password is 'healani'.

from Reynold Ruslan Feldman: Wallace along with Victor Margolin, the later Father Raymond Oppenheim, and I were the four young New York-area Ivy Leaguers in Subud at the time of the Briarcliff Congress. Furthermore, Wallace was the best man at my wedding to the late Simone 50 years ago. When I heard about his passing and did a short latihan for him, I got that he was in great shape.

from Rasjidah Franklin: Wallace was an attorney who was always willing to lend his expertise to assist in meeting Subud's needs. He most recently served as Vice-Chair of the Subud Pacific Islands Region. Please keep Healani, his wife, and the rest of Wallace's family in your prayers and in your hearts.

RASHAD MILLS

from Yudith Meity Mills and Hannah Mills: With deep regret we would like to announce the passing away of my husband and Hannah's father, Rashad Robert Mills. He suffered a long illness.

Myriam Ramsey: I had known Rashad Mills for over 40 years from Skymont to the present as a DC area Subud member. For me Rashad was proof that you never know what will happen to you in life. I always thought that he would be a bachelor forever but then he met Yudith, who became his wife, and then another miracle happened, he had a daughter Hannah. This all happened very late in his life and it was wonderful to witness him experience these unexpected gifts. It really gave me an understanding that your path is really in God's hands and that God can decide to give you gifts you never even imagined were possible. Rashad's life helped me understand that the possibilities for all of us are really as wide as the ocean. God Bless him on as his journey.

Ra'uf Ramsey: My admiration and appreciation for Rashad increased when I visited him and his wife, Yudith, at their apartment in Silver Spring. He mentioned that in the winter his wife liked to keep the temperature high at night because she was from Indonesia and felt cold in the winter. He described how he would wake up in a pool of sweat in the morning. This struck me as quite extraordinary, since I doubted that I myself could tolerate what he was willing to accept. When I asked him if he couldn't reach some compromise about the heat, he said in a very sincere way that the most important thing for him was for his wife to be comfortable. This indicated to me that his love for his wife was such that he really considered her welfare more important than his own comfort.

Later Rashad became quite ill and bedridden for several years before he left this world; whenever I came with my

fellow helpers to do latihan with him, I was continually impressed with the self-sacrifice and devotion Yudith showed him. So even though Rashad's life was filled with tests, I feel he was blessed by God. I look forward to seeing him on the other side, where I know he continues to follow the latihan!

DAINURI DUFFURD PASSES UNEXPECTEDLY



The Phoenix Subud group has lost one of our dearest, sweetest members, Dainuri Dufford, who died suddenly on January 22, 2014. He was a young man and settled in the Phoenix area as a teenager. He completed his studies at Northern Arizona University and moved here to be close to his mother, Johanna Salisbury, who was living in Phoenix.

Less than a week before his passing he assisted the Phoenix group in moving 250 boxes of Subud archives into a new storage facility. (See Phoenix article on page 3.) Dainuri was born in Cilandak and grew up part of the time at Wisma Subud in Jakarta. Dainuri survived a brain aneurism while completing his studies in Flagstaff. He made an amazing recovery and started a computer business in Phoenix. He is survived by his wife, Nina, his mother Johanna Salisbury; his father, Sulaiman Dufford in Malaysia, his brother Effendi in California, his uncle, Theodore Salisbury in California, and Salisbury cousins. Dainuri and his family have touched Subud lives in California, Indonesia and Arizona.

JOE KOACH

Hoan Toan writes: It is with sadness that I am writing this letter to inform you that our beloved brother Joe Koach passed away very peacefully on January 25, 2014, at a nursing facility in Virginia. He was 89 years old.

He was a long time Subud member. He served as a Center Chair, Center Helper, two-time national SES chair, East Coast Regional Chair and Regional Helper at the same time

DEATH AND DYING – AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Emmanuel Williams

I want to collect writings – poems and stories – about death and dying. It's obviously a big subject, and I have the sense that between us we have had a lot of experiences that will prove to be rich and absorbing. So if you have a story or a poem about this, please email it to me at emmanuelriddlemaker@gmail.com. I'm hoping to have this collection ready for the Puebla Congress, so the deadline – so to speak – is the end of May.

with me in 1980. He is survived by 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. His children in Subud are Damon Koach, Muftiah McCartin, Margaret Kirk and his grandchildren in Subud are Luke McCartin and Elaine McCartin.

The men helpers in the DC group plan to do a special latihan to pray for him at Twin Oak house after general latihan, then there will be a selamatan for praying. May God continue to bless and guide his soul into the other world.

Muftiah McCartin sent this: Here is a [link to Dad's webpage](#) on the funeral home website and a [link to Youtube of the slideshow](#) we put together honoring my Dad's life.

KADARIJAH GARDINER



Many will remember Kadarijah Gardiner, International Helper and SICA International Chairlady, who passed away peacefully on November 14th in Lewes, UK. She was a celebrated actress and a pioneer in taking the latihan to Poland, Ukraine and Russia. She was married to Sharifin Gardener, also a long-time dedicated Subud volunteer. Her

parents were co-founders of the Birmingham Subud group in the UK.

from Osanna Vaughn: The [funeral ceremony](#) was a harmonious interfaith celebration of spirituality and culture, as Kadarijah wished.

A [Kadarijah Gardiner Memorial Fund](#) has been created to support a joint project, still to be determined, of Susila Dharma International and Subud International Cultural Association. Donations can be made to [SD Britain](#).

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Subud East Coast Regional Congress, Robert Morris University, Pittsburgh, PA	May 25
Western Canada Regional Gathering, Camp Alexandra, B.C., contact Deanna Kasta, deannakasta@gmail.com	June 20-22
Ramadan	June 28 -July 27
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Subud California Regional Congress, Joshua Tree, CA	Labor Day Weekend August 29-September 1
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Menucha Retreat, near Portland, OR	November 6-9
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ERRATUM: In the November issue of Subud USA News, we featured Sebastian Tedrow's long service with the Bellingham Community Meals project. Michael DuBois was also involved for 20 years.

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