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Editorial

Am I one of the few remaining people who has yet to purchase a stock through an on-line trading "dot com?" Apparently not because according to an article in this week's Sunday paper, "more than 50 percent of US families have been on the sidelines with no stock or fund holdings whatsoever." Even so, I often feel that I'm the only one not watching a favorite stock. Many conversations, be they at parties, dinners, or beside the workplace watercooler, are about this or that stock and how well or poorly it's doing. I fully acknowledge the role my insecurities play in giving voice to my critic, however, must these tiresome conversations be so prevalent? Our social fabric seems woven with dollars as a ubiquitous pressure to get into the market or participate more actively in it permeates so many conversations and venues.

One friend of mine is always speaking with a slightly feigned chuckle about how his company's stock is "going through the roof" and the value of his options has multiplied gazillion-fold. Another acquaintance-friend, when asked how late is okay

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Update From Amanacer

A letter to Subud USA from Hiram Carrington

I am pleased to send you a summary of the new school project "Colegio Amor at Amanacer," our response to the emergency education situation in the Quindio region of Colombia, following the devastating earthquake of January 25, 1999.

For a full project description, please reply to hiram@carrington-mktg.demon.co.uk

Colegio Amor at Amanacer has now received the official approval of the Ministry for Education in Colombia. The conversion of the large latihan hall at Fundacion Amanacer to form classrooms around the perimeter is going ahead as planned, with dividing walls from the wings of the Hall and closing off the outside wings for offices and meeting rooms. Electrical cables and associated works for these classrooms are also in progress. The administration office is located in the office adjacent to the administration office of Amanacer. A large number of applications for places at the new school have already been received.

The project has been promoted extensively at national level (in person to the First Lady of Colombia and the Minister for Education) and in the region, and we are hoping for a significant breakthrough in funding from Colombian sources in the

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Subud meets Religion

by Sharif Horthy

About a month ago Tuti and I attended an assembly of the World Conference on Religions and Peace in Amman, Jordan, representing the World Subud Association. I thought some of you might be interested in what happened, so I attach an article I wrote for the Lewes newsletter when I got home.

In the last week of November I travelled to Amman in Jordan. I was privileged to have been invited, in my role as Chairman of the World Subud Association, to participate in the 7th world assembly of the World Conference on Religion and Peace (WCRP). My aim, as chairman, to make Subud known and to explain the work we are doing in the world. I was invited mainly due to the good offices of Simon Guerrand-Hermès, who is the treasurer of the WCRP, and another Subud member, Patrice Brodeur, who has for years been deeply involved with its active youth wing.

To give some background: The WCRP is a multi-faith assembly of 'Religions for Peace' and is open to all religious communities. Its purpose is to:

- identify threats to the comprehensive realisation of peace
- promote the sharing among religions of their respective traditions, principles and values that can relate to the building of peace, and the awareness of the similarities within religions' commitment to peace
- from all this to help realise action that can build peace

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Subud Behavior?

by Patricia Lacey

Here are my criticisms regarding our behaviour at Holland 99 which I submit to you all for your thinking and advice for our future events especially for Kalimantaan 2001. Holland 99 was a great success. The Dutch did a mammoth job appreciated by all. Unfortunately, it was a very different story for the employees of the Conference Centre at Leeuwenhorst.

I was witness to several unpleasant situations at the reception desk between ourselves and the staff, but it was not until I heard one receptionist exclaim, "You Subud people are impossible!" that I began to take notice and pay attention to what precipitated the remark. After all, the saying goes, "Give a dog a bad name, and it sticks forever!" And we know its very hard to live that down! When a friend of mine, who had a good relationship with the receptionists until the last day, asked if he could leave his I luggage in his room for an extra hour he was met with, "No, we've had it with you Subud people. You are impossible, and we are not prepared to give anymore concessions."

So what went wrong and how did we appear to the staff at Leeuwenhorst? Our hosts in Holland confirmed my fears that the view was, "We will never have you back or accommodate you again." So what about our future at other conferences, especially in a very different culture, *i.e.* Kalimantaan?

We may never want to go back to Leeuwenhorst but that is not the point. Surely after forty years in Subud, we should have developed some kind of social behaviour, consideration and compatibility in the world we live in, otherwise what the hell are we doing? Are we developing our "souls" regardless and looking after each other? Even in the latter case, we fail from reports I hear. As far as being examples in the world, well, as we know we haven't even begun; if we had, we would have many more active members by now. Instead of the helpers being blamed for the non-growth of Subud, perhaps we should all look at our own behaviour and examine our failures.

You could challenge me — do I examine my actions? My answer is, "Yes. I do. Every day." I ask God each morning to show me how to be according to His Will. I ask for understanding and humility. I ask for the ability and grace to be freed of all my failures, which are many.

Frequently during the day I find myself asking for Almighty God's forgiveness. I do try. So to continue with the report from one of the senior receptionists at Leeuwenhorst whom I consulted. She said to me, "I was told you were a group looking and working for inner peace and harmony but I see none of this."

She then went on to report: "We have an elderly group of people here not in Subud, who have been completely ignored at the reception desk by your members who push in front of them, demanding attention. It has happened frequently. "You appear very rude, demanding and inconsiderate. Many of the rooms have been left in a very bad state each day, especially the family rooms."

"There have been big arguments about paying for hiring the bicycles, and for drinks at the bar (mineral water and cold drinks). "Children of all ages are left to play on their own until all hours of the night. We had many complaints from other guests but there was nothing we could do. The parents seem to ignore what the children were doing. Even the equipment in the billiard room has been damaged including the billiard table." Often the children and youths who are running wild until midnight are not even resident." When it rains, everyone comes into the hotel from the camping sites and bungalows and when we tell them there is food being served in the Rose Cafe in the tent outside, they get angry with us."

Quite a report! Especially as we are supposedly trying to be examples which lead to the spread of 'Subud' to the world and to bring 'Peace and Harmony' to ourselves.

So what should we be doing to help ourselves to get it right? We could start by being

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near future. Meanwhile we continue to need your support and prayers to bring the project to fruition. Please be as generous as you can.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact me. Donor Information is given at the foot of this message. I wish you the very best Compliments of the Season and a Peaceful New Year.

Hiram Carrington, International Financial Manager - Fundacion Educativa Amor

“Children who receive their education in a spiritual environment, that is, who are influenced by teachers who practice the latihan kejiwaan, will eventually become men and women who are not only successful in earning their living and who understand how to work, but will also be capable of using their knowledge and riches for the benefit of humanity in general which lives on this earth.”

-Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo (11/08/59), 2nd talk at the 1st Subud World Congress

Colegio Amor at Amanecer - Project Summary

In response to the serious educational and social emergency originated by last January's earthquake in the district of Quindío, a project was born to create the school “Colegio Amor” at the Amanecer International Centre, which is located 2.5 miles away from the urban area of the municipality of La Tebaida.

The project, which has been legalized by means of an agreement between Fundación Educativa Amor and Fundación Amanecer, is a joint initiative from several national and international organizations. Its main purpose is to join together resources, efforts and experiences for the benefit of the community at the local and regional level, particularly the children and young people.

The main goal of the project is the creation of a formal education centre, with emphasis on the business, health promotion, and integral prevention areas. The centre will directly offer its services to almost 325 children and youngsters in the following levels: transition, primary school and secondary school. It will also serve their families and the community indirectly.

The vision of the project is to make a comprehensive training centre out of Colegio Amor, which will provide top quality education. Besides fostering curiosity, respect and contact with nature and the environment (which is facilitated by the splendid location in the midst of the fields surrounding the Amanecer International Centre), the school will promote the identification and training of talents and the interest towards science and technology starting at early ages. The project aims to stimulate and facilitate the learning process through the effective use of technology, as a way of improving the future professionals' competitiveness level.

As for human development, the school will strive to tutor young people to become men and women with critical minds, and with a solid sense of spirituality and human values; adults who will be supportive, independent, and committed to reality at local, national and international levels.

Based on the experience built over more than ten years

at Colegio Amor, which is located in the municipality of Soacha, Cundinamarca, and by means of the community outreach projects, it is hoped that the educational community of La Tebaida will also turn out to be a social development centre. This, in turn, will contribute to the transformation of the reality at local and regional levels, and to overcome the crisis triggered by the natural disaster.

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It originally came into being during the Vietnam war, the first conference taking place in Kyoto in 1970, and from the beginning two main objectives were clear: to be work and practical issues oriented, and to involve the highest or most senior level of the various religions as being the fastest route to action.

For example, both the Archbishop of Canterbury and Cardinal Arinze, president of the Vatican inter-religious council, were present in Amman. The assembly was opened by King Abdullah of Jordan with his beautiful wife, and was hosted by his uncle, Prince Hassan, who is deeply committed to interfaith understanding. President Abdurrahman Wahid of Indonesia happens also to be a president of the WCRP, and kept his promise to attend the meeting in spite of his heavy new responsibilities. In his keynote speech he spoke with characteristic humour and humility of his difficult times under the former regime in Indonesia, and used the occasion to announce that, while Indonesia continues fully to support the PLO, they would now open trade with Israel.

This emphasis on high-level activism distinguishes the WCRP from some other multi-faith assemblies, who come together much more at the grassroots level, or who focus more on theological issues.

The organisation has an Assembly every five years, and six Standing Commissions that work between assemblies. These Commissions encompass every aspect of peace, from action for the child and family, through action for conflict transformation, development and ecology, disarmament, human rights, to peace education.

The most important thing about this Assembly is that it meets to instigate action, and feedback from action. In Amman the mornings were plenary sessions, when people gave speeches or presentations, some of which were outstanding. A Chinese professor, for instance, gave a talk on Confucianism, which was like a checklist for the human condition. There were also presentations that gave an insight into two of the major success stories of the WCRP. The first, called 'Political and Religious Visions of Human Polity' was a series of

talks given by representatives of the four main religious communities in Bosnia and Herzegovina. That is, the Muslims, Jews, Serbian Orthodox Church, and the Roman Catholic Church. These four religious bodies had achieved the amazing feat of bringing together the warring factions in Bosnia and beginning to create some sort of accord from which peace could emerge.

The second was a presentation by a group from Sierra Leone, including the country's President, about how there had been this incredibly bloody rebellion, with atrocities being committed right across the country; and how, step by step, the leaders of the religions, being united, had come together and really cajoled the two sides until a peace agreement was signed. And this between people who had had their families horribly slaughtered by the rebels and the rebels themselves, who were persuaded to lay down their arms and become reconciled with their communities. The preliminary framework for peace was worked out by the people themselves, through the work of this religious group. It was very moving.

The afternoons were given over to the business of the six Standing Commissions, and it was within the auspices of the Peace Education Commission that I came into the picture. It was suggested that the best way to present Subud would be to join this particular commission, which was having a four-day workshop before the assembly. There was a subsection called 'Education towards violence free communication and conflict resolution', and another, 'Environmental education and education for socio-economic development'. We felt that Colegio Amor fitted both these categories and that making a presentation about this school-centred project would allow me to explain what Subud was, and the organisation behind it.

My aim in all this was not to make converts, but to reassure the people I met when they asked the inevitable 'what is Subud?'. I would try always to answer by explaining that Subud provides something universal and available for everyone. It is a worldwide spiritual community, and that what we share is a common experience of a contact with a higher power that we receive as a physical and inner reality. I also explained that we are not a religion, but we support religions, because people who may be looking for this reality and have not

found it, can make contact with it through Subud without leaving their faith, and without separating themselves from their religion. I also had the sense I should be very open and stress that Subud is open to everybody, and that there is nothing secret or complicated about it. If people haven't heard of it, its not because we're secretive, but because we're not yet very good at explaining what it is.

In almost every case when I gave this explanation I got a positive response from the people I was talking to – both when I presented it to the Peace Education Commission, and when talking to individuals. For me it was real proof of how

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the world has changed in the forty years since Bapak told us not to make claims for Subud in case we incurred the wrath of the religions.

I'm not saying we should now go out and proselytize; in fact that was one of the points I made to people, that we don't. But the sense of hostility or ridicule from the mainstream religions towards anyone who professes the action of God's power as a 'here and now' reality seems to be less today than it may have been in the fifties. The majority of the people I talked to clearly recognised that there is a tremendous need for the spiritual content to be realised in religion, and that that is the source of peace, not discussions, arguments and intellectual agreements.

Many of the people who heard my presentation came to me afterwards and said they would like to tell me their experience, and they obviously felt we were talking about the same thing. There were three or four senior Muslims present when I gave my talk. I was quite nervous about them because I am a Muslim, and here I was talking about something that is not mentioned anywhere in the Quran; in the past I'd been given a rough time when I'd talked about Subud in places like Saudi Arabia. But interestingly, each one came up to me later and said, 'Actually, I have the same experience, because I've been a Sufi and I know this and this, and this is how we do it,' and so on.

Having what I was saying to people so warmly received helped me too. I felt I became better at presenting Subud as I got more practice at doing it, and gained confidence from the positive feedback. I was even asked by the group that co-ordinates the Peace Education Commission if I would be willing to keep in touch with them and work with them in the future.

I found this week a very touching experience. I met so many people who are truly committed to action in the world for peace; people who have a deep faith and an inner reality, which they are trying to express, through their religion, in practical action. Among them was Bill Vendley, General Secretary of the WCRP. Trained as a molecular biologist, he spent years in a Zen Buddhist monastery and then studied theology to try and make sense of his experiences. He and his small team of volunteers seemed to work around the clock with real attention to different people's needs and a deft grasp of commonalities and differences among their guests.

It was a glimpse into another world; one that is important, and one that I think Subud needs to have more contact with. If we are going to do things in the world we can benefit from knowing and co-operating with people who have already worked on these things, often for decades. Really what I took away from this experience is this: that Subud, if we do the things that Bapak told us to do in the world, is actually part of the mainstream of the world today. We're not out on a limb somewhere, having to work almost in secret. We can become part of that mainstream, and we're supposed to become part of that mainstream. We don't have to do it in isolation. And that's why I hope to keep up the contact with the people I met; and I suggest that whoever is the then WSA Chair goes to the next WCRP Assembly and keeps the contacts alive.

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more considerate for our future events and for the spread of Subud through personal example. I personally would like to see a list of expectations and guidelines for future events, some do's and don'ts and where each of us can be of use. Let us ensure that we are made aware that: (1) boisterousness at late hours in public areas is out of order, and (2) causing unnecessary payment problems for hiring equipment or paying drink bills, etc. is antisocial, as is leaving bedrooms, etc., in unabated chaos. There are a hundred ways we could cooperate in making life easier for both co-conferrees and staff serving us.

Our next world gathering in 2001 in Kalimantan is very special for many Subud members and for our future there. As I see it, it is imperative we elect Subud members who will guide and channel our behaviour in Kalimantan on a daily basis, perhaps an evening meeting each night for us all to share any problems or failures of communication. We can then eradicate these problems at their source. If we need schooling, let's get schooled!

I can just feel the reaction to this suggestion. As some senior Subud (supposedly responsible adult) members have already said about this report "Ah well, that is Subud!" In my opinion that is not Subud. Its frightening to even think so.

We have wonderful welfare projects throughout the world, successful business-people, a wonderful group of young people growing up in Subud, and we have the latihan to guide us all. So please let us use this guidance for the manner in which we behave at our conferences and in the world we live. Let it not be as in the story of St. Peter taking a religious group on a tour of heaven who when asked, "Who are those people sitting quietly alone over there?" gives the reply: "Oh they are Subud people receiving. They think they are the only people here."

The Subud organizers of Holland 99 have confirmed the complaints in my article in general, and have additional complaints as well, *i.e.* cigarettes butts thrown around, breaking into the computer and internet room and using hotel rooms by unregistered members by sleeping on the floor in sleeping bags, drugs were being smoked both in the rooms and outside in the camping site. So we certainly need from this report to examine our behaviour for other worldly gathering if we wish to go forward in expanding our brotherhood by being a good example in the world we live in.

It is obvious we should not share hotels or conference centres, sad though it may seem. We have the need to be sole occupants so that we can incorporate the camping sites and all outside residents for all functions without reservation.

The latihan and testing areas should be as far away as possible from those sleeping to enable the international helpers, WSC, MSF and any others to continue through any hours of the night and not disturb the sleeping residents as in the case in Holland 99.

It would be good to have some feedback from the organizers for the Spokane 1997 Congress and any useful suggestions for our future.

Inspirational Trilogy - Part 3 of 3

Andrea Blum

A close friend of mine in California learned I was finally on “e-mail” and began sending me short writings that have invariably given me a lift when they showed up in my e-mailbox at work. I’ve picked three as a sort of “inspirational trilogy” to share with you. I remember as I read these that “the lessons that can change the world haven’t changed.” It is so nourishing to be reminded of them.

A Man and a Butterfly

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole.

Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and it could go no further.

Do the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon.

The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time.

Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly.

What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God’s way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If God allowed us to go through our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us.

We would not be as strong as what we could have been.
We could never fly!

I asked for Strength

And God gave me Difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for Wisdom

And God gave me Problems to solve.

I asked for Prosperity

And God gave me Brain and Brawn to work

I asked for Courage

And God gave me Danger to overcome.

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to call, responded, “usually 10:00, but if you have a hot stock tip you can call any time, day or night.” Yet another friend tells me how annoyed she is that her company doesn’t provide everyone with internet access at their desks because she can’t watch her stocks during the day without it. Now she has a PalmPilot through which she can get stock quotes no matter where she is (and a new job with internet access at her desk).

I feel fortunate that I’m not missing the boat entirely thanks to a couple small retirement accounts, but at the same time, I sometimes feel cast adrift in a flimsy life-raft because I don’t care to think about the stock market day in and day out. On the one hand, it’s prudent to plan for one’s future and make sound investment decisions, but on the other hand it seems like some people are, and to some extent society as a whole is, getting carried away by greed and the lure of the fast, something-for-nothing buck.

Life in this country is dominated by the backdrop of the good old greenback. Two of the five front page articles of last Sunday’s paper were related to money. The first article is actually the lead-in to a very informative personal finance section. The second is about the question of why the TV show “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire” is so popular, and includes a picture of Regis Philbin fanning a handful of \$100 bills. There’s nothing wrong with managing one’s finances, or necessarily even wanting to be a millionaire, but I’m suggesting that our society has misplaced the mighty dollar above the communion of spirit and development of friendships, connections, enjoyment of the art of conversation and togetherness. So many of our conversations revolve around the stock market or money in one way or another. All matters of money are not categorically bad. It’s the collective dominant role of money in our society that is troublesome.

There are images of money everywhere, be they the ATMs on every corner or more subliminal suggestions conceived by marketing wizards that “more, bigger, and faster” is somehow better. Untold numbers of glittering game shows, including the new “Millionaire” show, are very popular. The reminders of how we can make and spend more money are so prevalent that I often recall the last scene of *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand where John Galt rather histrionically raises his hand and traces in the air the sign of the dollar. It’s as if we worship and are guided by our money.

I wonder what people from other countries, or those Americans who don’t own a share of the pie, think of when they think of the United States. Is the US with its burgeoning economy turning into one big trading floor? The “get rich quick” gambler’s attitude typical of lottery players seems to prevail among day traders as well. Thankfully, the US economy offers much better odds than those of a casino or “megabucks”, but didn’t the idea of investing in a company by purchasing its stock used to mean you believed in what they were doing and were in it, if not for the long haul, at least for a significant period of time? Furthermore, didn’t a “company” used to imply the making and selling of goods at a real profit, not just the perception of profit? The “fast buck” attitude is further under-

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Membership Grapevine

For this issue, Samuel Mattimore prepared the following literary snapshot describing his life of late.

I named my company Life/Work Connections with a purpose, and that is to serve my clients to help them to find their right work and true purpose in this life.

I feel that since I began to do the latihan ten years ago and became more actively involved in the spiritual side of my life, my path has become progressively clearer — it is to work with others to help them connect more meaningfully and deeply with who they are on the planet.

My work takes on several different shapes or identities. I have an MSW and an LICSW and I work at the Riverside/Blackstone Valley Outpatient Clinic as a therapist. Here the large part of my work has been with adults and couples and I am starting to be pulled to working with families with adolescents, possibly because my own daughter Jahna is seventeen. Working through your issues, I guess.

I also serve as a coach/mentor to a variety of clients who either want to find more meaning in their work or want to be more successful at what they are doing. In this work, as in all of my work, the essence is to get clients out of process and into results they would want to create if anything were possible. I also use this model in my career counseling work and it has allowed my clients to look honestly at what they are currently doing and what they want to do in their heart of hearts.

Finally I also work as a computer placement consultant to computer professionals in the Boston area. I find them and then help them to find the job they want.

I have been married for twenty years and my wife Kayla and I live with Jahna our daughter in the Western suburbs of Boston.

In my life I try to live with honesty and integrity and to keep my commitments to self and others and to grow and learn. Some days this is easier than others

I remember reading in one of Bapak's talks that if you do the latihan consistently you will find your true life's work and that has certainly been true for me as I feel like an onion getting layers peeled back with many more to go.

The "Membership Grapevine" appears in every issue to share what is happening in each other's lives and help us know each other better. Please let me know what you're up to so I can include it here! Thank you!

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mining an already tenuous sense of culture in this country. Ours is not a culture of family, fine food, or spiritual development, but one of making, spending, and talking about money. And the internet is only making money and financial institutions more immediately accessible and therefore even more central to our lives.

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*I asked for Love
And God gave me Troubled people to help.*

*I asked for Favours
And God gave me Opportunities.*

*I received nothing I wanted
I received everything I needed!*

May God Bless You.

May God Bless you with unspeakable joy, not only in the world to come, but in this world also.

May your path be bright and full of light everywhere you go.

May God tell darkness that it must flee at your command.

And, I pray your feet will never stumble out of God's plan.

May the desires of your heart come true,

And may you experience Peace in everything you do.

May Goodness, Kindness, and Mercy come your way.

And, may you gain Wisdom and grow in the Lord everyday.

Helper/Committee Update

The helper/committee latihan and meeting schedule is a perennial topic here in Boston. The thought of actually having this established and understood by everyone involved is quite wishful indeed. At least there will always be something to write in this little corner of the newsletter! It sounds to me like the helper/committee latihan schedule has come full circle back to what it used to be years ago (though I'm not 100% sure we really know what that was). The current plan is to meet on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:45 in order to have enough quiet time prior to latihan which starts promptly at 8:00. Following latihan on the first Monday is an opportunity for the helpers and committee to meet together to discuss matters of mutual interest. The time following latihan on the third Monday is for the helpers and committee to meet separately. If this is not correct, please advise so that I can print something different in the next newsletter.

In other news, the committee has been diligently working on a set of bylaws for our group and the helpers have been meeting with four new applicants (two couples) who will soon be opened.

Birthdays

JANUARY

11 Hermia Salisbury
17 Sharif Horthy
26 Vernon Contessa

FEBRUARY

4 Cassidy Sterling
20 Lorena Kreda
28 Jackie Nolan

MARCH

3 Rosetta Narvaez
5 Rashad Tarantino
12 Stuart Cooke
 Laura White
15 Suzanne Repetto
28 Jules Selzer
30 Lillian Shulman

Dates to Remember

Visit www.subudboston.org for the most up-to-date information on current events!

FEBRUARY

16 Men's discussion group after latihan
21 Helper/Committee latihan, 7:45

MARCH

5 Dessert/Discussion after latihan
6 Helper/Committee latihan, 7:45
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Quote of Note:

“What you have received - your understanding about your religion - is something you have received through following the Latihan Kejiwaan of Subud. Therefore, there is nothing wrong with continuing to follow the Latihan Kejiwaan as well as always following and practicing your Christian religion, so that there will not be a difference or a gap between the two, but the two will become one.”

-Bapak

Two poems by Stella Wright Helmer

From *Mount Tom Soliloquy*

Winter is absolution
The quiet snow effaces
Clamoring memories
Renewal comes
When the last leaf has fallen
The last note sounded
When in the empty air
The silence waits and listens

The earth lies frozen now
her breath gone from the air
her blood stilled in her veins
no pulse detectable

Only my love lives on
with strange unseasonal increase
the while i long
for winter's chill reprieve

Announcements

Please write for the newsletter! - We welcome articles from everyone for publication in this newsletter. News articles, creative stories, poems, personal experiences—anything you'd like to share with the group is most welcome! Reminder to subscribers: you will receive three free issues in exchange for any published article!

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