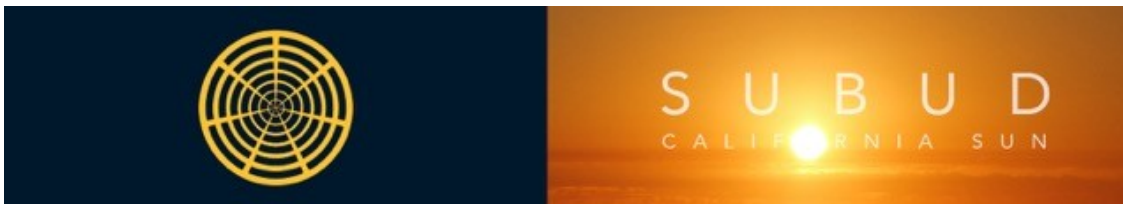


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Thank you to all who attended the 2017 Regional congress in Santa Barbara in August. Congress Co-chairs, Rosana Schutte and Leo Horthy led us through a joyful time together.

This beautiful display of flowers highlighted a special place where members could post memories of those who have passed away.

"Roses on the Altar," by Salamah O'Brien

Opening to Possibilities at Regional Congress

Regional Elections

Election of the Chair and Vice Chair to serve the Region for the next two years was a main event at the Congress. Many came forward to test for these roles at the general session. Attendees elected Robert Mertens (San Joaquin Center) for a second consecutive term as Regional Chair and Matthew Cooke (Los Angeles) as Vice Chair. Matthew, a video and design professional, jumped right in to create a new banner (above) for this newsletter!



Saturday Evening Entertainment

- Trina offered a glimpse of the turmoil in Venezuela through her powerful dance performance.
- Cherie Valarey and Howard Richmond wove improvisations enriching text of a Bapak talk.
- A diverse group of performers shared music, poetry and more. For more details and photos, click [here](#)

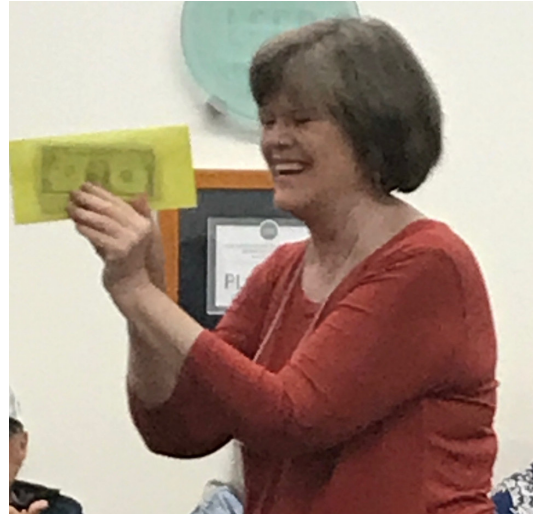
(L): Rosana Schutte and Trina after her dance

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food to Subud members in Venezuela, members donated \$900 for future shipments.

On Sunday afternoon, the children sold their own paintings, which had wise sayings from Bapak (and themselves). They then decided to come as a group to the Closing Circle on Monday, where they donated these earnings to the Venezuela food initiative.

(L) Subud children presenting their contribution. (R) Henrietta Haines rejoicing in their generosity



Feedback on the 2017 Congress

To support future planning, we sent a survey to all the attendees. Eight-nine percent rated the event as excellent or very good. There were lots of comments which will help refinement of future events. [The](#) detailed survey results are available [here](#).

Excitement Builds for 2018 World Congress

“It’s going to be a magical Congress,” declared a member of the Subud World Congress organizing team, speaking to a crowded room in a hotel in the south of Greece, on the edge of the Mediterranean. And, as other members of the team spoke, perhaps some early Congress magic wafted into the meeting. Excitement and anticipation were certainly present, too. Read the full report on Congress planning by Kenneth Clark [here](#).

The latest newsletter from the 2018 World Congress Organizing Team offers tips about finding lodging and using transportation around the host city, Freiburg, Germany.

The official Freiburg city website offers a [tourism section](#) for information about local attractions and information for booking

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[accommodation. Read the complete article about accommodations \[here\]\(#\).](#)


SICA Corner

Music

Enjoy this [soulful performance](#) of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah" by Frances Madden, performed live at Foundry 616, Sydney February 2017.

Stories

Here is the first of several stories relating the wisdom of Tao Ching, by Hummingbird Hototo:

The Way, hasn't a story. The Story, hasn't a title.

That which is without story is the Origin of Heaven and Earth. The Story is the Infinite Dance of the Myriad Appearances.

One who is 'desireless', may come to know 'The Storyless'; One full of desire ought learn well how to dance!

'The Storyless' and 'The Dance' ...are they not one?

Gentle contemplation of this question is a Gateway to the Mystery of Mysteries.

See how these stories were written [here](#).

Food for the Spirit

"...because this Latihan Kejiwaan is already implanted within your being, all that remains now, therefore, for you to do is to carry it out...

What Bapak means is, simply to receive it."

78 OSA2, Japan, 1/8/78

Susila Dharma Corner

Double your Gift

Subud Portland is leading the fundraising season this year for Susila Dharma USA by offering a matching fund. Donate one dollar, and SD USA's projects receive two dollars. It's that simple! Make your matched donation online now at the [SD USA website](#). Read about [Susila Dharma's vision and work](#)

Wear a work of Art

Susila Dharma offers Subud symbol necklaces and pins for sale. Choose a 1¼ inch sterling silver medallion and serpentine chain for \$100, or a bronze pin for \$35 or \$50,

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Share your work!
These works of art were designed and made by artist Marzuki Bernal. Buy them

Are you publishing a work, planning a gallery showing, or performing? Let us know so we can include it in this listing!

on the Susila Dharma [website](#) to help fund charitable projects around the world.

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New Members:

Aleve Loh (Topanga)

Clark Turner (Santa Barbara)

Births:

Taelen Anthony Parker to Lilianna and Anthony (Marin)

Committee/Helper Changes:

Christina Singleton, Communications (LA)

Regional Council Members:

Matthew Clark (LA) Regional Vice Chair

Upcoming Events

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