



**SUBUD VANCOUVER
NEWSLETTER**

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Hence Bapak says, “Why do we have to depend on Almighty God?” The reason is that God is the only One who can repair something that is beyond repair, and clear a state that is impossible to clear. As you know, as Bapak has explained – maybe here or elsewhere – the faults we have were not just caused by us, by our actions in our life here, but by our ancestors. Yes. This is referred to in the Veda – the Veda is the holy book of Buddhism – as karma: the embodiment of a person’s wrong actions will be carried by their offspring, their descendants. It is clear that the faults in you have existed from your ancestors until they reached you. So, clearly, the faults you have are impossible to clean. It is impossible because the longest you will live in this world is a hundred years, a hundred and fifty at most, whereas the mistakes your ancestors committed have existed for hundreds and hundreds of years. But there is no need to be unhappy. God is Almighty and that is a reality and we have received it. So now we have that, we understand or we realise that the faults we have within us will never disappear, will never be cleansed, unless by the grace of Almighty God. And, fortunately, luckily for us, we have received that grace; you received it when you were opened and you receive it whenever you do

latihan. Because of this, brothers and sisters, if you consider this deeply and recall the true nature of what you have received, truly you will regret it if you do not devote yourself diligently to the Subud latihan. And you will realise that only after you die. (81 YVR 3)



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| Elfrida Schragen | September 5 |
| Bachtiar de la Cruz | September 6 |
| Karleen Nevery | September 8 |
| Lucas Foss | September 10 |
| Deanna Kasta | September 12 |
| Delia von Hahn | September 14 |
| Sjahari Hollands | September 21 |
| Luke Penseny | September 30 |

Our thanks to Susilawati Bryant



There will be a showing of part of one of Bapak’s or Ibu Rahayu’s talks on Thursday, September 1 at 7:15 pm. Latihan to follow at 8 pm.

DUTY HELPERS FOR
SEPTEMBER ARE: *Mahmud Ganief
and Rohana von Hahn*



Thanks to the hard work and skill of our brother Paul Edwards, Subud Canada for a number of years has had its own website: subud.ca. The site is well worth a visit!



9 ISLAND MEMBERS



L to R: Maemuna Coleman, Helena Hitchcock, Aisjah Cassidy, Camille Roberts, Diana Bird, Adriana O'Brien, Adelia MacWilliams, Maria Graham, Thalia Corchia

The International Archives

The International Archives are looking for open reel recordings, video and original film of Bapak's talks, and video and film of Subud Congresses and events. Also sought are paper records from those who had international functions related to ISC and its sub-committees and from those who had a role in any of the major Subud enterprises,

international wings, WSC/WSA, or the Archives themselves (including the former ISC Tape Units).

Please email Amalijah Thompson, WSA Archives, if you can be of any help to her in any of the areas noted above. Her email address is amalijahthompson@gmail.com

Harlinah Longcroft, Subud's official historian, is looking for material from the 1960s relating to the development of Subud globally. Please get in touch with her at harlinah@grapevine.net.au

EARLY DAYS: Recognize any of the members shown in this early photo?



Our brother Ali Anwar Storto has a new name. He is now NurAli Storto.

The story below is taken from a book entitled **An Extraordinary Man – Stories of Subud members' Experiences of Bapak**. The book is available at Subud Publications International at Subudbooks.com

"I [Halstein Stralberg] went to have an interview with Bapak in Oslo, mainly because everyone else was doing it, and I thought I would ask him some questions.

One question that I asked him about was reincarnation. The question was, "Have we been on this earth before?" And he said, "Many times, but this is the last time, because now your soul has been awakened."

I said, "Is that true for all Subud members?" He said, "Yes. All of you." "

CRESCENT BEACH GATHERING

The regional gathering at Crescent Beach was very well attended. The facilities were excellent, the programme very well thought out, and the meals delicious.

Here are a few photos of the event taken by our brother Mike Pichichero. The rest of Mike's many excellent photos will appear in the next issue of SCAN. Thank you, Mike!



Rashad Coleman and Mike Pichichero. Although Rashad was confined to a wheelchair, he took part in most of the proceedings thanks to the kind attentions of several members, among them Mahmud Nestman and Mike Pichichero.



The gathering's organizer, Dave Hitchcock, enjoying a well-deserved cup of coffee



Rohana Laing preparing breakfast

Bulletin: Our brother Lucian Langer will be returning to group latihan soon. He has been suffering from vertigo, but is well on the mend now.



Jane Stewart (Noah Butterfield's grandmother) looking at the day's agenda, with the children's agenda next to it.



Rosanna Hille reading poetry at the gathering's Entertainment Evening



Celebrating Michelle Butterfield's birthday



Some members from Subud Seattle, Subud Bellingham, and Subud Portland attended the Gathering. Shown here are Halima Bellows and her son Lambert Rochfort from Subud Seattle.



Reuben Butterfield getting ready for a workout – starting with Daphne Kubicek and Malika Lyle, with Noah then piling on.

Our brother Robert Jordan suffered a stroke some days ago. He is recuperating at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, and will stay there until a place can be found for him at a Care Centre. He welcomes visitors, although recognition may not be immediate. Our thanks to our brother Geraldus Formosa for keeping us informed about Robert's condition.

At the second Sunday social in September, Renata Dunn and John and Helen Russell will tell us about their recent trip to Haida Gwaii.



An Important Message From Our Brother Lambert Bazinet

I just wrote to David Hitchcock to let him know I was going to register for the Bethlehem Retreat (October 21-23). I went last year and it was truly a blessed weekend for me. I keep a very fond memory of the time spent at this beautiful center outside Nanaimo; in such lovely company, with wonderful food and a strong presence of God.

Well, Dave told me that there has been only one registration in addition to mine (and his and his wife), and that this time he will not keep reminding people about it. If Subud members in the Western region wish to keep the retreat going, they will have to register by September 15th; if not, we will lose our deposit and Dave will be forced to cancel. As a returning member who got a lot out of the Bethlehem retreat, I find that prospect quite disappointing.

Last year, only two Vancouver members who did not have an official role went to this regional gathering. Everyone else was from the Island or was a regional helper. A month later I went to Menucha and was amazed by its popularity. People came from all over the NorthWest region and well beyond attended this retreat. In my opinion, our humble Bethlehem Retreat is as just as good, a lot cheaper and has MUCH better accommodation and food. In addition, it allows us to create deeper bonds with our brothers and sisters from the region. It would be a shame to lose it.