

The BAHÁ'Í Connection

February 1992 The Newsletter for the Baha'is of Southeastern Colorado

Calendar of
EVENTS

Institute to Create Patterns of Unity

The ICPU members will be having as its guest speaker Mr. Bill Morishita. He will be speaking on "Issues Facing the Asian Community in Colorado Springs" on February 21st at the Hillside Community Center at 7:00 pm. Several folks from the Korean community will be attending. The Institute likes to have a large audience so invite friends, remember that although this is not a fireside, it is an excellent arena for developing friendships.

During our January meeting Mr. Jerome Page, president of the Urban League presented the Urban League's mission. In brief, his presentation described using the Marshall Plan (this plan restored stability to Germany and Japan after World War II) to rebuild the plight facing African-Americans and other minorities struggling with economic difficulties.

We sincerely appreciate Mr. Page for a most interesting presentation.

Another Institute to Create Patterns of Unity

A Core Group in Denver is being ushered into developing into a Institute. They have chosen to pattern (pun intended) themselves after the ICPU in Colorado Springs. They will describe themselves as the Institute to Create Patterns of Unity of Metro Denver.

Because of the recent confrontations during the Martin Luther King Celebration in Denver, the National Spiritual Assembly has asked this core group to strike while the iron is hot and make presentations of the Baha'i viewpoints to Mayor Webb of Denver and other community leaders.

This is an exciting development. Our hearts and prayers are with your efforts.

Ayyám-i-Há Coming

February 26 begins 5 days of fun in this leap year. These are 5 days left over from a calendar which contains 19 months of 19 days. They are also called Intercalary Days.

If any last minute events are planned please call the New Baha'i Information Line at 570-9049. See otherside for information on this telephone service.

Youth Auction

Saturday February 1, 7:00pm at the Latka Home in Pueblo an auction to be held 543-0720 a youth auction and fireside night. An evening for families and young people to assist in raising money for their ski trip. The youth have been collecting items for this auction. The night will also be devoted to fireside activities, so bring your friends young and old alike. Should be a great time for all.

Sunday Class Teachers Honored

February 2, 2:00- 5:00 PPMHC
The Pikes Peak Area Deepening is honoring the past and present sunday class teachers. Also on the agenda is a consultation on Baha'i education how and where do we go from here.

Effective Teaching Workshop March 7 and 8

Auxiliary Board Member Carol Brooks and her assistants will present material to assist the Baha'is in the Pikes Peak region to expand the faith. This is part 2 of a three part series. The first part was a consultation held on January 5. Let us come together and go forward!

Colorado Springs

Feasts:

PPMHC 7:15

Hosted by Goggans

Special Extra Fun Feast

Please dress in ethnic clothing

El Paso County

Thursday 7:00 Rouhani's

Manitou Springs

Feasts:

Fri 7:00 Labib's

Mar. 1 Barnes

Things for Everyone

Sunday Classes

**Institute to Create Patterns of
Unity See Article: this side**

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Ayyám-i-ha Intercalary Feb 26 - Mar 1						
2 Deepening Co 2:-5:00	3	4	5	6	7 Feast	8 Youth Meeting
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16 Youth are the Future 3-4:30 Hillside	17	18	19	20	21	22
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<i>Ayyám-i-Há</i>						

What's Happenin' Just a phone call away

The Baha'i Connection being a monthly publication cannot keep up with the rapid developments and changes that sometimes occur. In light of that we are publishing this number for those who wish to stay on top of things.

Call 570-9049 and hear a 3 to 4 minute announcement of events. If at the end of the message you wish to leave news please do so. Your event will be added on a daily basis. Dave England has provided this service and if you wish to call him, please call 570-9220.

Kathryn O'Leary to visit

Call 570-9049 for late breaking details. **Original meeting has been cancelled.** Ms. O'Leary is from Los Angeles and was scheduled to speak on Race Unity.

Baha'i Connection meets Gremlin

The delay in this issue represents technology at its most frustrating. We apologize to those who labored for events that are history as you receive this issue.

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Consultation Article Continued

DECIDING 2 Dangers to avoid

1. Quick resolution, before clear understanding of issue.
2. Prolonged discussion past moment of sharpest focus, potential solution becomes diluted. Practice makes better.

Make a clear and decisive announcement of the tendered decision, and then perhaps a motion to vote. From Baha'i Administration p 64 "*And, when they are dispassionate, anxious and cordial consultation, turn to God in prayer, and with earnestness and conviction and courage record their vote...*" If the consultation as truly been in a mode of prayer then the prayer may be omitted however if there has been some less than turning to God it might be advisable to have a prayer at this point. If it is apparent that everyone agrees then a vote need not be recorded. While unanimity is important it is not advisable to dwell on convincing those who do not agree.

"The Shining spark of truth cometh forth only after the clash of differing opinions"
Baha'i Administration p 21.

Remember it is opinion that clashes not, people or personalities. Once an idea is expressed it belongs to the group where it may be twisted, changed, modified, be re-examined until it bears the spark of truth. Avoid clashes that bring more heat than truth. An arbitrary or tabling a decision may be necessary if the situation becomes muddled.

*** EXECUTION** A decision made by the majority become the decision from the group not from those who voted for it. **Criticizing a decision is not permissible either in the meeting or afterwards!** Everyone is responsible to carry out the decision and make it work! Success or failure depends on the group making the decision not the individual may be asked to perform beyond his capacity.

We should not insist upon our own opinion

It is in no wise permissible for one to belittle the thoughts of another, nor permitted that anyone of the honored members object or to censure any decision that comes out of the meeting even though that decision be not right

Stubbornness and persistence lead to discord and wrangling and the truth will remain hidden

Criticism would prevent any decision from being enforced.

Whatsoever thing is arranged if harmony and with love and purity of motive, its result is light. ... if this be so regarded that assembly shall be of God...

An Important Promise = Baha'i Administration pp22-3... **should they endeavor**day receive a new effusion of spirit.

Note The Word "Endeavor"

The Healing Process Gleanings p. 97
When disunity is present what to and not to do: Purging the problem is not advised because;

1. It assumes getting rid of the "bad". [Baha'u'llah encourages a change of Heart.]
2. It assumes that there are good Baha'is and bad Baha'is and that the good is looking for the bad or evil which is contra-indicated in the Baha'i Faith. 3. It creates a mindset where we begin look for the negative things in others. It prolongs disharmony because we spend time dwelling on unpleasantness.
4. Suspicious attitudes develop rather than an atmosphere of love and fellowship. It corrupts the divine purpose.

To Be Continued...

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