



SUBUD INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Nurturing Human Values Through Art, Culture, and Creativity

Annual Report 2013

For the first time, since SICA's beginnings, SICA was able to work together with national SICA organizations and Subud centers in Europe, Asia, South America, and North America on a single initiative — a global initiative: Poems for Peace®.

Although we began the initiative in 2012, — as well as the concept of partnering with national SICAs — it was in 2013 that we were able to really see the fruits of such partnership and collaboration. This was especially evident in Zone 4. Beginning with an inner prayer for forgiveness and love, the Zone4Peace event celebrated the songs and poems of all the countries in their zone — in all their many languages and heritages — in a magically inclusive environment. Yes, we did all this in a planetarium under the stars we could have seen over Java the night Bapak was born.

That Latifah could travel to Zone4 and participate in their gathering and their Zone4Peace event — travel made possible by a generous grant from the Guerrand Foundation for Peace — also helped lay the foundation for a rebirth of SICA in Germany — and a new respect for the potential of SICA to bring the content of the latihan out into the world.

The Zone4 experience also inspired the creation of toolkits in English, Spanish, French, and Italian to help our national SICA partners and local Subud groups to join us in celebrating International Peace Day with Poems for Peace events they created. Yes, we reached over a million people globally with our activities — and we were also honored with a proclamation from the Mayor of Austin here in Texas. But more important, we all worked together. All over the world.

This is the huge potential. As The Guardian's Jeannette Winterson, wrote: "Art is a different value system...Like God, art leaves us with footprints of beauty. We sense there is more to life than the material world can provide, and art is a clue, an intimation, at its best, a transformation."

This is a major breakthrough for SICA, and it sets the stage for the future. A future that is built around shared projects, each of which has its home base in a single area, or zone, or country.

SICA was also able to award some seed grants with good results: Veronica Herber was able to exhibit in Australia — with the result that one her artworks was purchased for the permanent collection of the Auckland Art Museum. Csaba Ederly was able to record his Mozart Sinfonia — that will be performed in Puebla; Paul Nelson was able to invite a Moroccan Beat Poet to Seattle to participate in his Cascadia Poetry Festival at the Seattle Subud Center.

Lastly, because SICA is the legal umbrella for Uraidah Hassani's The Women Worldwide Initiative, SICA was able to receive over \$5000.00 in donations on her behalf that her project would otherwise not been able to receive.

And... SICA doubled its own income last year.

Attachments:

- Proclamation Honoring SICA for Poems for Peace from Mayor of Austin, Texas
- Story Told by Young Boy at Poems for Peace event during Zone 9 gathering
- SICA Congress Program Flyer
- Balance Sheet for 2013.

Proclamation

Be it known that

Whereas,

Poems for Peace is a global initiative begun last year in Austin by Subud International Cultural Association (SICA) to celebrate International Peace Day; and,

Whereas,

Poems are found in every culture, every country, every language, age and every walk of life. They are in our nursery rhymes, our music, our holy books, our history, our prayers and our hearts; and,

Whereas,

When we share a poem with someone - through writing, reciting, performing, drawing or singing it - we connect to a place inside of each of us that knows imagination, empathy, compassion, forgiveness, love and respect, the building blocks of humanity and peace; and,

Whereas,

We urge Austinites to join the local festivities celebrating peace at the ZACH that are part of similar activities taking place globally;

Now, Therefore,

I, Lee Jeffingwell, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas, do hereby proclaim

September 21, 2013

as

Poems for Peace Day

in Austin.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Austin to be affixed this 20th Day of September in the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

Lee Jeffingwell, Mayor, City of Austin





Mateo Mudarra's Story about Peace

Told by Mateo at the Zone 8 Gathering in Venezuela
at their Poems for Peace Celebration of Peace Day 2013.

ENGLISH VERSION

A long time ago, in the very very ancient human world, elves ruled the earth. One day, they decided to play a trick on the human beings by hiding peace. So they called a meeting.

The goblins, who were good friends with the elves, also came to the meeting. "I know, one of the goblins said, "Let's hide peace on a distant planet." But then they began to worry. What if humans' curiosity led them to the very planet where peace was hiding? They got another idea. They could leave peace at the bottom of the ocean. Again they began to worry. What if the humans were smart and made submarines that could find where peace was? And then the oldest and wisest elf at the meeting stood up and said the best place to hide the peace would be inside the human beings themselves. "They will be so busy looking everywhere else for peace," the wise elf explained, "they will never think to look inside themselves, and so they will not be able to find it."

And that's how we human being have been ever since. We have all our peace within us but we are so busy, we don't look at ourselves, and we forget what we have inside ourselves. So be forewarned. It's one thing to look for and find peace; but it's quite another thing to know what do with it. And the best thing we can do with our peace is to share it.

Mateo was born on Bapak's birthday in 2001. He is a 7th grader who loves myths and mysteries. He dreams of studying marine biology at the University of Margarita Island near the sea, and then living in Scotland. He plays the keyboard and holds an orange belt in Karate Shotokan.

SPANISH VERSION

Hace mucho tiempo, en los tiempos antiguos de la humanidad, los duendes dominaban el mundo. Un día ellos decidieron esconder la paz para sabotear a los humanos.

Entonces convocaron una reunión de duendes y hasta los malos participaron. Se preguntaron ¿donde deberían esconder la paz? Los duendes malos propusieron dejar la paz en un planeta muy lejano. Pero comenzaron a preocuparse, ¿Y qué tal que la curiosidad de los humanos los llevara al planeta donde estaría escondida la paz?

Entonces pensaron en otra idea, podían dejar la paz en el fondo del mar...nuevamente se preocuparon preguntándose, ¿Y si la inteligencia de los humanos los llevara a construir submarinos, entonces encontrarían la paz?

En ese momento el duende más viejo y sabio que estaba en la reunión se paro y dijo, el mejor sitio para esconder la paz seria dentro de los mismos humanos... Ellos estarían tan ocupados buscando la paz afuera que no la encontrarán.

Y así estamos los seres humanos desde entonces. Tenemos toda nuestra paz dentro de nosotros pero estamos tan ocupados que no nos fijamos en nosotros mismos y no percibimos lo que tenemos adentro. Pero "ojo" que una cosa es buscar y encontrar la paz y otra cosa es saber que hacer con ella... y lo mejor que podemos hacer con nuestra paz es compartirla.

Saúl (Mateo en Subud) nació el 22 de junio de 2001. Estudia primer año de la escuela secundaria; le encantan los mitos y los misterios. Quiere ser biólogo marino, estudiar en la universidad de la Isla de Margarita cerca del mar, y luego vivir en Escocia. Toca teclado y es cinturón anaranjado en kárate shotokan.

SICA Balance Sheet
December 31, 2013

	<u>Dec 31, 13</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
11000 · Capital One	<u>11,775.66</u>
Total Checking/Savings	11,775.66
Other Current Assets	
12000 · Undeposited Funds	<u>5,495.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>5,495.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>17,270.66</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u><u>17,270.66</u></u>
 LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	11,944.39
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	2,370.09
Net Income	<u>2,956.18</u>
Total Equity	<u>17,270.66</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 <u><u>17,270.66</u></u>