

ROSEMARY REMEMBERED WITH LOVE

In January the Susila Dharma (Britain) board met for our bi-monthly meeting at Loudwater.

Rosemary chaired each session with her usual energy and commitment.

A main focus was the pending pan-European Susila Dharma meeting planned to take place during March in Hamburg.

Rosemary looked forward to the renewed contacts, to cementing liaison so that we can continue to work closely together on behalf of the Subud family supporting humanitarian action across the world.

As we all departed for our various homes, little did we suspect that this was to be our last time with Rosemary. Within a few short weeks she left our sight on March 10th, succumbing to a brain tumour.

In Hamburg, Laura, Lailah and Lorena did a special latihan for Rosemary with the International Helper, Karolina Prins.

It provided us with a glimpse of the radiance and peace into which Rosemary has entered. But the physical loss of this gritty, utterly dedicated woman is still keenly felt.



She trusted her latihan to find the strength to overcome physical conditions that would prevent the more faint-hearted from undertaking so much. Her outstanding dedication to Susila Dharma ensured that our activities were conducted as professionally as possible, with a marked appreciation of our accountability to the whole Subud Britain membership.

This was reflected in the message sent to us from Kumari Beck the Chairperson of Susila Dharma International Association:

“Although we knew about her illness, it still did not prepare me for the sadness and shock to the system that our beloved Rosemary is no longer with us. Yes, God bless you Rosemary. For all of you at SD(B) this is a great loss, and my thoughts are with you all... With love – Kumari”

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SD(B) NEWS

SD(B) support for Land Mine Victims

SD(B) is raising funds to provide vocational training for victims of land mines in Cambodia. The programme is run by Clear Path International, co-founded by long time U.S. Subud member Imbert Matthee, in partnership with Cambodian Volunteers for Community Development.



Despite increasing stability in Cambodia, the Killing Fields continue. The terror lingers in the form of more than 2 million landmines that threaten innocent children and their families in many parts of the country. During more than two decades of civil war in Cambodia, all sides placed landmines indiscriminately and often with the intent to terrorize civilians. These mines are everywhere: along bridges, footpaths, rice paddies, river banks and around villages. As a result, Cambodia has the highest per-capita percentage of mine amputees in the world, with one in every 236 Cambodians living with one or

more lost limbs. Though several international organizations are addressing many of the survivors' physical needs, few provide support for their economic reintegration.

In early 2002, Clear Path and CVCD graduated the first 35 accident survivors trained in English, computer skills and sewing in Phnom Penh. In the province of Kampong Cham, 60 mine survivors are now being trained in vocational skills including sewing, small-engine and appliance repair (30 have



already graduated this autumn). The programme aims to give land mine victims the opportunity to regain a productive, independent, meaningful and dignified lifestyle, and to fully reintegrate in their communities.

Ith Komsoth, now age 33, lost his right leg 13 years ago when he stepped on a mine, changing his life forever. He has lived in isolation, not having left his house in 12 years. With the encouragement from Mr. Kim,

the vocational training local coordinator, also a below the knee amputee survivor, Ith agreed to join



the program, and has been studying electronics. He was scared and shy at first. However, he has blossomed with the personal interactions, as he has learned that he is not alone. His teacher reports his success in the program and that Ith's intention is to open up a small electronic repair shop in front of his house.

The cost of the vocational training programme for one student is £200.

£40 would enable a graduate to invest in tools and equipment to start a small business in sewing, small-engine repair or appliance repair.

***Please send your donations to the
Susila Dharma (Britain) Treasurer:
Mark McElroy, 6 Lothlorien Close,
Derby, DE23 2RY.***

YOUR GENEROSITY HAS PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS

January 2002 - May 22nd 2003

Green = SD individual projects. Yellow = support for expansion of ICDP training

CAMBODIA.	<i>Clearpath</i> : project to clear land-mines and support land-mine victims
CONGO.	<i>Lemba Imbu</i> : a school
EQUADOR.	<i>Asociacion Vivir</i> : clinic to promote self-health care & training for local people
INDIA (Bangalore).	<i>Mithra</i> : pre-schools in the slums and a primary school
	<i>Sradha</i> : project with Bellur villages
INDONESIA.	<i>Indonesian Relief and Development Network</i> : flood relief work
	<i>Yayasan Agro Ekonomika</i> : support for Kali worker
ARGENTINE / BRAZIL / COLOMBIA / PARAGUAY.	
	<i>International Child Development Programme</i> : support for the training of trainers
UKRAINE.	A children's hospital and the <i>Skhola Vera</i> bus.



We provide a comparison of income to SD(B) for the FIRST half-year of 2002 and for this year, 2003

<i>1st half-yr</i>	<i>Individual donations</i>	<i>Group donations</i>	<i>Total half-yr. income</i>
2002	66	5	£17,299
2003	62	4	£12,146

This entails a shortfall on last year's income of £5,000 to date.

As a Board, we value and need your moral support. Using your donations wisely and effectively, we are your instruments in assisting people among the poorest and most neglected to emerge into self-sufficiency. You can also support your projects through your gift of time, skills, and expertise.

PLEASE, remember that Susila Dharma is YOUR CHARITY: give what you can so that we do not have to reduce our support for our existing projects, and that we can continue to respond to the many worth-while projects queuing for such help.

If you are a tax-payer then, please, consider using Gift-Aid – this increases your donation by 28%, courtesy of the Inland Revenue!

Regular giving also enables us to plan more effectively and to budget with more confidence: a regular payment by Standing Order to Susila Dharma (Britain) is really worth doing and you can also do this as Gift Aid.

To obtain a form, apply to Mark McElroy, SD(B) Treasurer, 6 Lothlorien Close, Derby DE23 2RY.

ON BEHALF OF ALL THOSE ENGAGED IN THESE PROJECTS

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

AND FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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Laura Lesley has served on the SD(B) Board for many years and she writes this tribute:
"Rosemary served on the SD(B) Board under Ronald Leask and Leila Meacham, and then took on the Chair herself. She was a good communicator on the personal level and very sensitive to issues of relationships and what would work and what would not. She became a close personal friend, and I shall miss her at every meeting for quite a while to come. Raphael and I and our spouses, together with Salamah Subiotto (ex-Board member from Scotland), attended the service in the lovely little village church at Lindale which is right opposite Rosemary's cottage. There were other Subud members as well as family members and folk from the village. The weather was calm and sunny, and the feeling very light.

The vicar obviously knew Rosemary very well and spoke of

her connection with Susila point Dharma. He suggested at one that we should all keep silence for a few minutes 'to receive'.

Lailah Armstrong, who is the main ICDP trainer in the UK, writes:
"The meeting in Hamburg was extraordinary; it had meaning and sincerity brought to it by its participants and excellent organisation and the loving care of the hosts. Personally, I got strength from it and felt more gratitude for the latihan and the grace received. Rosemary Harrison's absence created sadness in my feelings and at the same time feelings of gratitude for her consistent interest and support to my ICDP efforts.
Thank you, Rosemary."

SD(B) Chairperson and Vice-Chair

At our first SD(B) Board meeting without Rosemary, at Bristol, Michael Wisnom was appointed interim Chair and Laura Lesley Vice-chair after we had undertaken testing about the matter.

At National Congress, testing for the substantive post of SD(B) the Chair will take place. This, as all work of the SD(B) Trustees and Treasurer, is unpaid. A revised role description is available for

anyone who is interested. To obtain one, phone Laura Lesley, Tel.: 01903 815073 or Lorena de Silva, Tel.: 01795 537365.

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Calculating brain to come and be the SD(B) Treasurer. This is a way to support all SD(B) projects. We cannot continue to do so without one and Mark McElroy, who has done a sterling job for the past few years, needs to "retire" by the end of this year at the latest. He is prepared to provide an induction period for the new Treasurer. It is really important work and you can enjoy the team-work. Above all, you can share the privilege of trying to realise Bapak's often expressed vision, that of Subud engaging in humanitarian work as an expression of the latihan in action.

Just talk to **Mark, Tel.: 01332 765135** or
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