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# MEHER BABA CENTER OF NO. CALIF INC.

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## NEWSLETTER

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## Snapshots from Bhau Tour 2003: A Summer of Love



*Dave and Amber Lowman with beatific Bhau.*



*Bhau with his hosts Alan and Karen Talbot.*

*“God does not listen to the language of the tongue.  
God does not listen to the language of the mind.  
God listens to the language of the heart.”*

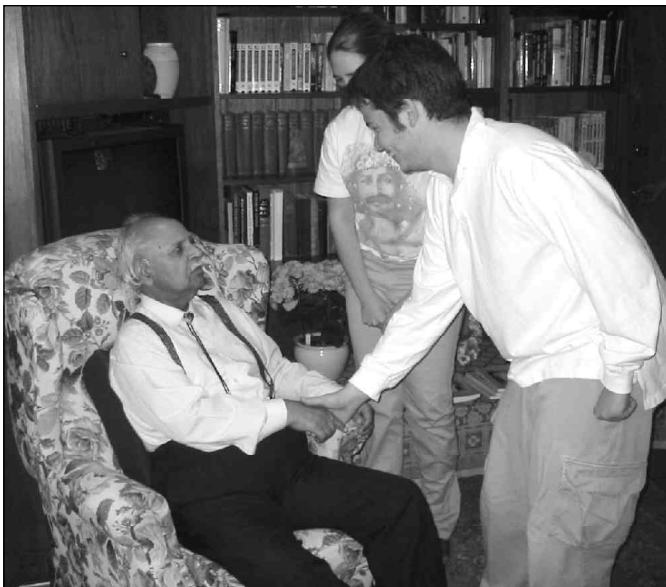
The hearts of Meher Baba's Bay Area lovers were full to the brim the week of June 19 - June 27 this summer when mandali member Bhau Kalchuri visited us. Bhau stayed at the homes of Winifred and David Kershaw and Alan and Karen Talbot, joining in jolly group breakfasts, lunches, dinners and teas. Kershaws' sunny meeting room and Talbot's leafy backyard garden were the setting for mornings and afternoons of music, ghazals and Bhau's precious recollections of his times with Meher Baba.

Along with the many talks he gave to large groups, he spent time with children, teens and young adults in special meetings. He also enjoyed an evening of entertainment at our new El Cerrito Center, which included prayers, music, ghazals and a funny skit announcing our new website.

When asked to recount his most precious moment with Baba, Bhau replied, "Really speaking, every moment was precious." And so were ours, that heart-full week in June.

*Photos by (clockwise) Patricia O'Reilly, Matt Talbot, Nancy Perham.*





*Jared meets Bhau.*



*The teens chat with Bhau.*



*Tom, Pearl and Ami Hart with Bhau.*



*Tea in the garden.*



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# C A L E N D A R

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**Meetings are held Thursday and Saturday nights at 7:30, doors open at 7. Arti will be held every Sunday at 10 AM.**  
Directions to the new center: From Hwy 80 in El Cerrito, take the Central exit east, toward the hills, cross San Pablo, go under the BART tracks to Richmond Ave. turn left, go a few blocks to Stockton (the first stop light), turn right at Stockton, go a couple of blocks, park on the street. The center is on the left side of the street. 6923 Stockton Ave. El Cerrito, CA.

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**Saturday, September 6th - The Highest of the High**  
Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Meher Baba's *Highest of the High* proclamation. Ron Greenstein coordinating.

**Saturday, September 13th - Video Features**  
Tonight we have a new triple-feature presentation, *Meher Baba At Home, 1960-1962*, starring everybody's favorite leading God-Man, the Avatar of the Age.

**Sunday, September 14th, 10:30 AM - 1 PM**  
**Sunday brunch and talk by Kacy Cook at the Talbots'**  
Kacy served Mehera and the other women Mandali at Meherazad for several years. Her personal reminiscences are a rare treat. Bring a brunch dish to share. 721 Crossbrook Drive, Moraga (925) 376-4325.

**Saturday, September 20th - Robert Dreyfuss tells of his trek to sacred Mount Kailas in Tibet**  
Robert Dreyfuss will show slides and speak about his trip to Mount Kailas in the Tibetan Himalayas.

**Wednesday, September 24th - Women's Dance Group with Odil and Raine**  
Music, dance, dessert and chai with Odile and Raine. Allow your own spontaneous dance to flow in praise of the Beloved. Bring your woolen socks & silky scarves. Women of all ages welcome. These dance evenings will now happen the last Wednesday of each month.

**Saturday, October 4th - Event to be announced**  
Check our website for info. about this evening's event.

**Saturday, October 11th - Coming to Baba stories**  
Come listen to stories of how people came to be followers of Meher Baba and tell your own, if you want to. If we have time we will also read people's stories from the book *Heart Chronicles*.

**Saturday/Sunday, October 18th and 19th - A Special Weekend Workshop with Don Stevens**  
Don Stevens met Meher Baba in 1952 and has worked in His service ever since. Don helped to edit *God Speaks*. See the enclosed flyer for registration information. Details are also posted on our website.

**Tuesday, October 21st, 7:30 PM - An Evening with Don Stevens**

(Note: this is a Special Tuesday meeting) Don will speak to us and take questions from the audience.

**Saturday, October 25th - Don Stevens Discussion**  
We will discuss what we learned from the Don Stevens visit of the previous weekend.

**Wednesday, October 29th - Women's Dance Night**

**Saturday, November 1st - Video Feature Night**  
We will share videos of Meher Baba tonight.

**Saturday, November 8th - Game Night**  
Come bring your carefree self for a fun night of playing games. Karen Drygas is coordinating.

**Saturday, November 15th - East West Gathering**  
Raine Eastman-Gannett will lead music and readings from *The East West Gathering* by Francis Brabazon. If you have a copy, please bring it for the readings.

**Saturday, November 22nd - Story Sharing**  
Bring personal stories or ones you have read or heard.

**Wednesday, November 26th - Women's Dance Night**

**Saturday, November 29th - No Meeting**

## THURSDAY NIGHT MEETINGS

On Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 PM, we will gather informally at the Center. If you'd like to facilitate a meeting, call or e-mail Ron Greenstein (510) 525-3676, [performs@mindspring.com](mailto:performs@mindspring.com). Meeting topics will be posted monthly on the website calendar. September meetings are as follows:

- September 4 - Casual conversation night.
- September 11th - Sing-along with Raine.
- September 18th - Poetry and Storytelling.
- September 25th - David Miotke performs.

To receive e-mail updates from the Center, send an e-mail to Fred White: [faledw@aol.com](mailto:faledw@aol.com)

Check out our new web site:  
**[www.MeherBabaMeherBaba.org](http://www.MeherBabaMeherBaba.org)**  
See program information and much more.

## Meher Baba Center of Northern California, Inc.

President, Brian Drygas, Vice President, Ron Greenstein, Secretary, Ed Munnich, Treasurer, Cheryl Longo  
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## AGM REPORT

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 7th all seven of the previous board members (the only ones running!) were elected to another one-year term. This is the first time in memory that all seven board members decided to continue another year. At the AGM we voted to add two new board positions, to make a nine-member board. There are more jobs to do now that we have a physical Center, and we want to diversify our board representation. Mary Weiss has been added to the board as Communications Director. The board officers and positions are:

- Brian Drygas President, Program Co-Chair
- Harold Jamison Vice-President, Construction Chief
- Ed Munnich Secretary, Youth Program Coordinator
- Doug Ross Finance and Fundraising Chair
- Ron Greenstein Member Chairperson
- Fred White Maintenance Chair
- Mary Weiss Communications Director
- Janet White At-large

Committees and chairpersons are:

- Design and Use Committee - Katie Mink, Chair
- Donation Committee - Alisa Dreyfuss, Chair
- Front Window Display Committee - Lisa Greenstein
- Mailing List - Paul Christie
- Phone Tree - Irene Meyers
- Service Committee Chairperson - Karen Talbot
- Don Stevens Visit Chair - Ursula Reinhart
- Program Committee Co-Chair - Jo Marie Munnich
- Bookstore - Katie Mink, Manager

We can use help on all committees, especially Fund-raising and Website Update Committees (no programming required!)



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### LOCAL MEETINGS

#### *Lafayette - Sunday Afternoons*

Monthly meeting at the home of Kirk and Marlene Allen. Please call to confirm. (925)-284-4066.

#### *Los Gatos - Saturday Evenings - 8:00 PM*

Arti, singing and readings at the home of Clint and Sharon Snyder. Call them at (408) 395-6865, or Betty Lowman at (650) 323-1900.

#### *Petaluma - Sunday Mornings - 11:00 AM*

Arti, readings and fellowship. Contact Hermann or Jeanette Loew at (707) 778-1195. Please call ahead.

#### *Sacramento - Sunday Mornings - 11:00 AM*

Discourse readings and occasional gatherings. Contact Mike and Jean Ross, (916) 486-2924.

#### *Santa Cruz - Thursday Evenings - 7:00 PM*

God Speaks readings and occasional videos. Call Buzz or Ginger Glasky (831) 457-0444.

**FOR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER CHANGES:  
e-mail [amba42@yahoo.com](mailto:amba42@yahoo.com) or write or call:**

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### THE TRUST

All who wish to share in the commitment laid down by Meher Baba through the Trust should contact Jack Mormon, P.O. Box 70383, Richmond, CA 94807-0383.

### MEHER BABA INFORMATION

People who wish to know more about Meher Baba can obtain introductory material and a catalogue of available publications by writing or phoning Meher Baba Information. P.O. Box 1101, Berkeley, CA 94701. Or call (510) 562-1101

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