

October 2012 E-News

All religions of the world proclaim that there is but one God, the Father of all in creation. I am that Father.

I have come to remind all people that they should live on earth as the children of the one Father until my grace awakens them to the realization that they are all one without a second, and that all divisions and conflict and hatred are but a shadow-play of their own ignorance.

Although all are my children, they ignore the simplicity and beauty of this Truth by indulging in hatreds, conflicts and wars that divide them in enmity, instead of living as one family in their Father's house. Even amongst you who love me and accept me for what I am, there is sometimes lack of understanding of one another's hearts.

Patiently have I suffered these things in silence for all my children. It is time that they become aware of the presence of their Father in their midst and of their responsibility towards Him and themselves. I shall break my Silence, and, with my Word of words, arouse my children to realize in their lives, the indivisible Existence which is God.

Throughout the years I have been giving many messages and discourses. Today I simply want to tell you who are gathered here in my Love to shut the ears of your minds and open the ears of your hearts to hear my Word when I utter it.

Do not seek my blessing, which is always with you, but long for the day when my grace will descend on all who love me. Most blessed are they who do not even long for my grace, but simply seek to do my will.

~ Meher Baba

Excerpted from "My Dear Children," given by Meher Baba at the East-West Gathering in November 1962



Meher Baba Center of Northern California

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Dear Reader



In this issue we have information about the local San Francisco Bay Area celebration of the 50th anniversary of Meher Baba's East-West Gathering, a lovely review of the recent New Life Sahavas at Meherana by Raine, and a sweet remembrance of our dear friend in Baba, Joy Mauzey.

Jai Baba!

Our Local Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the East-West Gathering

 Baba&Irwin

Meher Baba began the four day East-West Gathering on November 1, 1962, at Guruprasad, Poona. As Meher Baba Centers around the world prepare for their

upcoming celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the East-West Gathering, our local Northern California group has many festivities planned for the weekend of November 2, 3, and 4.

On Friday evening, dinner will begin at 6 p.m. Our special guest, Irwin Luck, attended the East-West gathering. He will share his memories with us. Meher Baba asked Irwin to put 25 lyrics from Francis Brabazon's book, *Let Us the People Sing* to music. Irwin would like to sing, "The Journey" with our group. We will also have local musicians singing that evening.

On Saturday, our program will begin with lunch from 12 - 1 p.m. Irwin will continue to share memories with us from 1 - 2 p.m. After Irwin speaks, we will show the "East-West Gathering" film, which was filmed by Ginny Katz and produced by Peter Townshend. After the film, the music begins. Raine Eastman Gannett and the Love Street Singers will regale us with music from Raine's latest CD "The Original Songs of the "East-West Gathering" by Francis Brabazon.

On Sunday, our program begins again with lunch from 12 -1 p.m. Raine Eastmann Gannett, David Miotke, and the Love Street Singers will conclude the East-West Gathering program.

At 4 p.m., the program will end with the showing of the "O Parvardigar" film.

Feel free to bring food to share. All events will be held at the home of Alan and Karen Talbot, 721 Crossbrook Drive in Moraga, California. For directions or additional information call 925-376-4325 or 925-286-2864.

Meherana New Life Sahavas

by Raine Eastman-Gannett

 RaineMeherana

Gay Dunn and Raine Eastman-Gannett performing at Meherana
photo: Eddie Brooks

This October 5th through 7th was a perfect time for retreat and remembrance of the Beloved at Meherana. The weather was glorious with days almost reaching 80 degrees and lovely cool nights. My husband, daughter and I stayed in what is called a 'tent cabin', which was a delightful experience. The tent cabin has a set floor and windows, walls somewhat like a tent, comfy beds, and side tables. They are nearby to the showers and other amenities. Some stayed in tents, others in nearby hotels or Bed and Breakfasts, while others were offered home-stays.

I was happy with the two sets of music to entertain the Beloved. My plan to start with Rani didi was a bhajan; especially, with the other guest being Naosherwan Anzar and his lovely wife, Mahrukh, who seemed to enjoy them as well as Jyoti and her family and sweet boys from San Jose. As I looked over at them, I could see that they also enjoyed the Indian bhajans. Then onto Francis Brabazon's amazing songs and the two requests: one for "The Buddha is a Pop Star"; the other, a repeat of "Freiny-etta's Song". I closed with my favorite performance thing to do these days, which are Baba gospel renditions. The feature for me though was the Meherana singing workshop which consisted of four songs from "The East-West Gathering". The participants did so well with just one morning session before their performance. They even received an encore request in the middle of their performance set on the Sunday of the round "Sing Sing His Days".

Naosherwan, as usual, was so polished; his presentations were wonderful. I really liked the talk about JAI BABA! and how Jai Baba are Baba's words and a gift from Him to us. This was wound around the origin of this marvelous greeting or chant of heartfelt words, and it was truly something to have the heart filled with Naosherwan's thoughts about Jai Baba! Other talks were about The New Life, where many new facts and such were revealed, and another on Naosherwan's family archives and how he learned from a young age by his Baba lover parents to treasure everything associated with Baba. His slide show during this talk about the treasures that are kept at Beloved Archives was terrific.

The meals, of course, were something, and the kitchen and volunteers chop and prep most of the time, only relaxing in the evening. It pays off for the pilgrims as I must say, the food was superb.

Arti each morning in the sweet cabin for prayer and arti was packed, and the singing was heartfelt and rousing. Whoever does the program compassionately has arti after breakfast-- a wonderful idea!!!

One could see the gardening has flourished. At times I would see one attending the garden near the Arti cabin or another listening to a talk or someone making wire guards to protect new plants with pliers and gloves on. The property is truly becoming lovely.

Late on Saturday night was a Dhuni, which was quiet. It was a crisp moonlit night with the fire crackling up the dhuni sticks and the sweet soft singing of folk songs. Such a pretty night for such a deep experience, perfect!

Eddie Brooks came with his cameras and took some of these great photographs included here. He could be seen clicking away, and the results from a professional are great.

The new Bookstore is wonderful. It is fully stocked with every Baba book, CDs, DVDs, scarves, a little jewelry, Baba buttons, photographs, posters, you name it. I had the pleasure of releasing my new CD there "The Original Songs of The East-West Gathering by Francis Brabazon".

All around it was a beautiful New Life Sahavas weekend retreat at Meherana, where Baba leaves the world at the gate, and one can bathe in His love with friends who also love Baba and re-charge in His Love for entering the world again.

The Original Songs of The East-West Gathering by Francis Brabazon ~Raine

The Making of a CD:
"The Original Songs of The East-West Gathering by Francis Brabazon"
Raine Eastman-Gannett, Sam Saunders & The Wine Shop Singers.

I released "The Original Songs of The East-West Gathering by Francis Brabazon" at Meherana, so people had it to take home to play on the Anniversary of a moment unique in history. The East-West Gathering is where Meher Baba invited His Eastern and Western lovers to join him in Pune town, Maharashtra, India for four days from November 1st to November 4th, 1962. Yes, the 50th Anniversary of that wonderful occasion is next weekend. The

celebrations will take place all over the world -- India, Los Angeles, Northern California, Australia, London, Myrtle Beach, and many other Baba Centers.

The CD took four years to complete. The idea was to present the 29 songs in the book written by Francis Brabazon, which is a record of the East-West Gathering ordered to be written by Meher Baba. These songs were sung to Meher Baba in batches of four each day, until Baba approved them to go in the book. The melodies are often borrowed due to the speed with which Baba wanted Francis to finish the book. They are delightful, and we wanted the archive of the original melodies recorded.

We, of course, have the wonderful melodies of David Miotke (and his CD of the same), which so many of us love and are familiar with, but this CD was to archive the original setting to melody and keep alive that which Meher Baba heard with his beautiful ears and enjoyed!

Available at www.NadaOm.com, Sheriar Bookstore, The Meherabode Bookstore, Searchlight Bookstore.

Joy Mauzey

January 30, 1914 - July 5, 2012

 Joy Mauzey

Joy Mauzey, a long-time Baba lover, passed away at her home in Martinez on Thursday, July 5, 2012 at the age of 98. She is survived by Clifton, her devoted husband of 62 years, 4 children, and 11 grandchildren and great grandchildren. Joy lived on the Big Island of Hawaii before moving back to California with Clifton in 1970. She loved music and dance, especially Line and Polynesian dancing. A private memorial with family and friends was held on July 8 to honor her life.

Here is an excerpt from Clifton Mauzey (Joy's husband):

"I met Joy when I was in the Veteran's hospital in San Fernando, Southern California, having been discharged from the army. She had been coming to the hospital with a small group every week as a volunteer with the Red Cross as a friendly visitor. We were married in January, 1950, right after I was discharged from the hospital.

We moved to the Big Island of Hawaii around 1960, where we lived for about 10 years. I was in business there for the most part as a General Building Contractor, and we adopted two children, a boy and girl, a year apart, right after their birth. Joy had two other children from previous marriages.

We both loved the Hawaiian people, their music and dancing. Joy had been a dancer since early childhood, and when we came back to the mainland in 1970, Joy continued her dancing and taught Hawaiian dancing, as well as Line dancing. She also led a performing group for many years, with which I helped her by selecting and playing the music.

Shortly after returning to the mainland and settling in the town of Martinez, we heard about Meher Baba and started attending the group which met in Berkeley. You could say that Baba came to us in 1972. We were particularly influenced by a very vivid dream I had of Baba. We were active in attending meetings, retreats, and get-togethers with close ones of Baba visiting from India."

Annie Stovall recalls:

"This incredible lady, who was like a second mom to me, welcomed me warmly into her family when I moved to California in the mid 1970s. Joy lived a very full life. She will be remembered for her kindness and sweetness. Joy had a remarkable ability to remain cheerful and poised in the face of adversity; this was an inspiration to all who knew her. She truly lived up to her name and will be dearly missed."

POETRY Corner

Poem by David Miotke

Into the transcendental night I fly.

Into your arms, a moth to flame, to die.

To die to the light of light blue surrender, Erasing the mind's toying and dreaming, the "pretender."

Each day is a back and forth, aisle of "no way,"

An ever south and north, a "pole-ishness" on display.

Now the Sun of love pours out one wine filled ray.

All is done, a victory won and the Beloved rules the day.

A sea of cloud white covers the divided "acreage."

These wings of flight at dawn, ending eons of "fakerage."

All action is but a hymn, a gita to divine love.

The Arjuna in us, serving, removing falsity's "glove."

O David, remember constantly the One beyond sky and plains.

Sing on, the gita of dawn bringing transcendental, healing rains.

Announcements

Center Library Note:

Would you like to be a "patron"? We have a library for your reading pleasure and convenience. Our library is housed upstairs in a bookcase at the MBCNC Center on Stockton Street. We have had 14 borrowers over the past year. You may access a list of the holdings at the web page meherbabameherbaba.org; look for library, and open the book or video pdf files.

When you visit the Center, remember to check out the library books. We would also like donations. For a list of books we need, see the section at the end of the library holdings.

Contact the Newsletter about donations.

The Trust

All who wish to share in the commitment laid down by Meher Baba through the Trust should contact Jack Mormon, ambkj@aol.com

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The meeting schedule is now included in our online calendar (web link above), and can be printed directly from the calendar.

Directions to our Center:

From Highway 80, Interstate 5, going north or south, in El Cerrito, take the Central Avenue exit exiting east, toward the hills. Cross San Pablo Avenue.

Go under the BART train tracks and less than a block after the tracks, turn left on Richmond Avenue. Head north on Richmond Avenue until Stockton Avenue (the first stop light), turn right on Stockton. About two blocks onward, the Center is located on the left side of the street. Address and phone are listed above.

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**More Local Meetings:**

**Sonoma County** - Arti happens once a month, usually the first Sunday.

Locations vary. Call Ellen Van Allen at 707-528-0357 for specific information.

**Los Gatos** - Sunday Evenings

At the home of Clint Snyder

Call (408) 395-6865

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