



MISSION

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation honors the name of the founder of Subud, Bapak Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo. It serves to build a lasting financial capacity for the Subud community, with dedication to the long-term aims of the World Subud Association.

VISION

The Foundation envisages a Subud community that is active and effective in the world, in all fields of human endeavor. It supports this vision by providing financial and other assistance to a wide-range of activities and programs, including social and humanitarian work, cultural endeavors, youth projects, and others.

VALUES

As trustees of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation, we are guided in our work by the following values:

Openness

We are committed to working through inner guidance, combined with common sense and best practise, in making decisions and carrying out our actions.

Diversity

We value diversity of the human spirit and recognize the uniqueness of each human being.

Integrity

We base our relationships with our donors, recipients, and the community on mutual trust, candor, and transparency.

Sustainability

We believe in effecting sustainable change with transformational goals and measurable positive outcomes, recognizing that how things are done is as important as what is done.

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A Benefactor in action: Harlinah Hamer sets an example for us all



Harlinah Hamer on her wedding day

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation is grateful for the bequest left by Harlinah Hamer, who passed away on July 27, 2007. Harlinah was a model for putting her talents into action. An entrepreneur and a psychologist, she designed women's clothing and marketed those clothes in a shop in Perth, Australia, while living in Cilandak, Indonesia. Later she combined her love of music and dance, driving her packed station wagon to festivals across Australia and selling imported clothing as she moved from one venue to another.

Halimah Polk wrote about Harlinah's talent for keeping in contact with friends from wherever she was living or traveling. She went to visit Harlinah at a time when her own life was in shambles. Observing that Harlinah's life was also problematic, Halimah was astonished—because, as she recalls, either Harlinah did not notice Halimah's consuming grief or chose to ignore it. Halimah cried and groaned, but finally succumbed to Harlinah's zest for adventure and vitality. She packed her friend into her small Datsun and drove her south of Darwin

into the aboriginal country, stopping repeatedly to look at a special flower, native scrub and vegetation. Halimah is grateful for this time when she was brought out of herself by her tour guide and friend, leaving her sorrow behind, as she awakened to the wonderful aboriginal museums, rock formations, bark paintings and countryside.

Rosanna Hille met Harlinah at the 1989 Sydney World Congress, the first Congress held without Bapak, the founder of Subud. Rosanna was looking forward to a quiet, relaxing time but was

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The Parker Fund: A tale of two Ozzies

The Parker Fund is one of three restricted and/or endowment funds administered by the Foundation.

The Leonard & Aisah Parker fund, held by the Muhammad Subuh Foundation was established by Aisah Parker (nee Fletcher) in 2003 for the benefit of Subud Australia. Aisah discovered Subud after a strong mystical experience in 1948 led her to seek the roots of her experience. Concentrating on a 10-foot tall sandstone Buddha, she was 'transported' outside of her ordinary consciousness, leaving her disoriented as she lost all sense of time. Shaken, she went home, feeling she needed to discover what had taken her over in such a powerful way; she searched for the meaning of this abrupt transcendence, studying Buddhism, Comparative religion, Jung, astrology.

Living in South Queensland, Aisah was working independently for a land development business, when in 1959 she came across *Concerning Subud* in a local library and immediately decided to go to England to try John Bennett's group. John Bennett wrote back to her saying that, although she would be welcome in England, she should contact Miss Monica Toogood in the Brisbane Subud group. Aisah arranged for a meeting but was startled when she arrived at Miss Toogood's tiny flat and was told that she would be opened immediately; helpers were beginning to file in and take seats for the opening. Aisah protested for a few minutes but Miss Toogood assured her that this was correct. So, on Aug. 10, 1959, Aisah was opened and she remained faithful to the latihan and Bapak's teachings to the end of her life in August 2002. After many years in the land development office, Aisah found a job in Sydney as assistant to the CEO of the David Lloyd Jones Company, but David Jones died 10 months later and she left the firm after two years.

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Leonard & Aisah Parker singing for Bapak on the occasion of his 10th windu in 1979

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Parker Fund, continued

Leonard and Aisah Parker were married when Aisah was in her mid-sixties, after she had led quite an eventful, independent life. Leonard Parker was a cellist who played his Stradivarius cello at the Brisbane Symphony Orchestra for many years, the Queensland Orchestra, and the BBC Concert Orchestra in London. He was one of the early Gurdjieff Subud members, opened when Bapak came to England. Both were avid bird watchers, music lovers, and lovers of the arts. Memories of Leonard and Aisah, who were held in great respect by members for their Subud work, dedication, and tenacity of purpose, date back to the 60's and 70's when they were most active in the organization. Raymond van Sommers who was national chair while Aisah was national secretary said that she brought her professional expertise to her work and became the strength of the committee, always cheerful, and generous with her laughter.

Haryanti Stuart met Aisah Parker when, as a new recruit to Subud, she was thrust into committee work early in the 70's. She remembers Aisah for her guffawing laughter, her perfect sense of the ridiculous, and her gift for storytelling. "Her tales of adjusting to marriage in her mid-sixties had us clutching our sides in laughter." Another member thanks her for her wisdom: Aisah told her that being a helper for Subud was an honor, that one received the gift of strength in helper latihans so that you could complete your job, but she noticed that one sometimes had to be careful not to miss the opportunity to share those gifts.

Leonard was fondly remembered as the first Subud activist; the story goes that they became national helpers following their terms on the national committee. Because Leonard was unsure of how to carry out his role, he packed up the car and they visited groups all over Australia. In his travels, Leonard was able to include his interest in buying and selling antiques. There is a story about how Leonard always filled the car with antiques on their travels. Once, when he bought a huge Chinese chest, he carefully stowed it in the back seat, wrapped it in all they could find, while



Thanks in part to funds received from the Parker Fund, a 99-year lease has been signed to secure a site in Canberra for the establishment of the Australian National Subud Centre. The signing ceremony is pictured above.



Site of the proposed Subud National Centre in Canberra, Australia

Aisah shivered her way home, uncovered and freezing in the front seat. They were the first kejiwaan councilors for Australia and one member said, "They were amazing."

Last year, the Muhammad Subuh Foundation made a grant of \$13,842 from the Parker Fund to support the Canberra Building Project. Aisha spent the last 12 years of her life in Canberra where she found happiness growing closer to her faith while living in an Anglican home for the elderly.

From Simone Paige: I wish to give a hearty thank-you to Amalijah Thompson for her patience in finding these materials and to others who contributed to this article: Marcus Mackay, and Freeman Wyllie.

FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

Executive Director search

Applications for the position of Executive Director for the Foundation are still being accepted. This is a newly-created post which will begin on a part-time basis, about 25 hours per week. Successful candidates will have experience in communications and administration, with legal and accounting experience preferred, and second-language skills a plus. The Executive Director would work from his/her home, so a computer and internet access are required.

For more information, please see the job description on the Foundation's website: <http://www.msubuhfoundation.org> or contact Lillian Shulman at: lillianshulman@netscape.net

Foundation trustees set to meet in Spain

At the request of the directors of the World Subud Association, the trustees have agreed to re-schedule and relocate their upcoming meeting so that it coincides with the World Subud Council (WSC) meeting to be held after the Zone 3 gathering, end-May 2009 in Santiago, Spain, in order to better facilitate communications and efforts with the WSC. The Foundation trustees have agreed to personally cover their own expenses so that the budget of the Foundation is not exceeded.

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quickly enlisted by Harlinah to help on the activities schedule and room assignments. Workshop ideas were overflowing and Rosanna recalls how hard they had to work to accommodate everyone. She was impressed at Harlinah's good humor and ability to cope with chaos. Later, when they worked together on Susila Dharma International, Rosanna was appreciative of visiting back and forth with Harlinah. Harlinah could see the best in every situation, and Rosanna remembers her continual smile, laughter, and acceptance of whatever came her way.

Harlinah was equally generous in her Subud work. She served on the Susila Dharma International board for 3 years. She continued to apply her skills in project and community development as well as cross-cultural issues, working with her partner, Andrew Firestone, (who became her fiancé), to support trauma victims. Together they worked for months in East Timor.

The final challenge in her life appeared as she was diagnosed with a brain tumor. During this illness, she surprised her friends, announcing that she and Andrew had married. While the discovery of multiple illnesses including a fractured arm, and inoperable lung cancer that had spread to her bone, brain and liver, left her in severe pain, she inspired everyone with joy in her marriage and the gift of life. She told of how she had received that each person has a certain amount of time for living—and it is important that one takes every advantage of the time given to appreciate all of life. Harlinah is remembered for her strong spirit of love, gratitude, and her cheerful, acceptance of life by her friends and Subud family.

From Simone Paige: I am grateful for the contributions of Halimah Polk, Rosanna Hille, Bradford Temple, and for Amalijah Thompson's help, particularly the photographs.

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Benefactor Commitment Card launched

As part of the Foundation's continuing efforts to improve our services and benefits to donors, a "Benefactor Commitment Card" has become part of the Foundation's donor policies. The purpose of this card is to:

- Increase awareness of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation
- Gather information enabling MSF to know in advance if people are planning to designate a portion of their assets to the Foundation in their wills
- Confirm permission to publish names in our donor recognition sections of our publications and website
- Preserve anonymity of donor when desired
- Assist the Foundation trustees and National Liaisons in their work

As some of you may know, several names of donors wishing to remain anonymous have been inadvertently published, due to their request for anonymity not being received prior to publication. Therefore, it will become a Foundation policy that no names will be published unless a Benefactor Commitment Card has been submitted by the donor. We thank you for your understanding and we sincerely apologize for any mistakes made prior to this.

A sample card is attached to this eNEWS. Both online and printed versions will soon be available.

FOUNDATION PROJECTS: SUBUD HOUSES



Malang, Indonesia

The Malang Subud Group in East Java was established in the 1950s and has about 132 members. They met in one rented premises after another until 2007 when they moved into their own house.

In 2004 a member donated about 200 square meters of land to the group. The group collected about a third of an estimated US\$45,000 cost to build a Subud hall on this land and used it all to build the base structure.

With a grant from the Muhammad Subuh Foundation, the group continued construction of the hall to the point where it can be used for latihan and meetings.

The MSF loan has paid for the construction of the second floor and the completion of both floors. The group is already using the first floor for enterprises that will help the group repay the MSF loan. The Malang Latihan Hall was officially opened by the Indonesian National Chair in June 2008.

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*So much has
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*and now it is up to us to pass it on...
~ for all of mankind.*

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation builds long-term stability for the future of Subud by providing an extra stream of income to meet an increasing demand for the World Subud Association and its affiliates' programs, including educational, humanitarian, and cultural projects. We invite you to invest in tomorrow by joining Subud members in their efforts to improve and enrich the lives of people around the globe.

A Benefactor of the Muhammad Subuh Foundation is anyone who informs the Foundation in writing that he or she has made provisions in his or her will, or other estate plan, naming the Foundation or a fund of the Foundation as a beneficiary; or anyone who makes an outright gift of cash to the Foundation.

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation thanks all the Benefactors for providing information about their future commitments, because knowing in advance will help the Foundation plan for the future, and all gifts will help to further the development of Subud in this world. We recognize the highly personal nature of these commitments. Unless we receive other directions from you, Benefactors will be recognized in our publications and website. The Trustees are grateful for your gift and for your permission to publish your name as a Benefactor so that your example may inspire others.

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Bapak Legacy Fund: Supports programs of the WSA & affiliates

Francois & Lucienne Farkas Fund: Supports Bapak's talks & disadvantaged children/youth

Leonard & Aisah Parker Fund: Benefits Subud Australia

Other (please specify)

*Should no designation be specified, the Trustees will use it for programs supported by the Annual Program Fund.

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