

“While small minded men cry “impossible!,” the pathfinders of this world calmly pursue their goals, and prove that the impossible was, instead, inevitable.”

– Paramahansa Yogananda

BUILDING THE FUTURE MEMBERS ARE PROMOTING GROWTH



June 1, 2007

Dear Ones ...

Members and Friends of Golden Lotus and Song of the Morning Ranch - *Our Yoga Retreat of Excellence!*

On June 30, the Clear Light Community is hosting an event, **“BUILDING THE FUTURE,”** to help our many leaseholders and future residents take that next difficult step of building their home. At that time, the Community will announce a new, low-interest payment plan to help those members who still dream of joining.

The Golden Lotus Board of Directors, along with the management and staff of the Retreat, now wish to extend the **“BUILDING THE FUTURE”** project to include the overall development of the entire Retreat. There is a powerful energy in the air as different groups of members and individuals step forward to do all they can to promote the growth and development of this sacred project left in our hands.

Here are just some of them:

The Golden Lotus Yoga Teachers' Association led the way with a heartwarming Banquet in the Detroit area that raised \$3,000 for our general fund.

The Golden Lotus Board of Directors is meeting in an all-day session in June to establish a development plan they will present to the membership over Yogacharya's birthday weekend (Labor Day Weekend) for refinement and member input.

The Youth Group (responsible for giving us back our ethereal waterfall over the dam) will begin to work on the railing above the retaining wall and lay a new trail from the Platform above the river (across from the future Temple Site) all the way to the Yogananda Shrine.

A new Friends and Members Week, the week leading up to the Yogacharya Birthday celebration, will offer deeply discounted rates to those who wish to join in, continuing work on the railing and trail project. Yoga Exercise classes and special meditations will also be offered.

A member is offering to match donated funds up to \$5,000. See details in the *“Cross-Canada Challenge”* included with this mailing.

The staff is offering their usual love and support to all who come, along with their regular assignments.

The group of members who have been issuing the *“Echoes of Eternity”* tape series have used the money raised from the sale of these tapes to purchase equipment to produce CD's, making available to our members and the public the wealth of inspirational material left in our hands.

This IS the “vortex of spiritual energy” promised us by Yogacharya years ago. How proud Master, Yogacharya, and Bob Raymer must be as all of us begin to learn how to manifest this project. *This letter is an invitation to all our Membership and friends to join in.*

Here is how:

1. **VISIT THE RETREAT.** What better vacation from the worries and strain of modern life than to simply BE here, watching the projects, big and small, meditating each night with fellow devotees, feasting on top quality vegetarian cuisine, meeting new spiritual friends and reveling in old, sinking into the God realization so close at hand in the forest stillness and profundity of nature.

2. **JOIN US NOW** in our “**BUILDING THE FUTURE**” development fund. We have immediate needs and really need you to help us now to get over the hump of financial necessity until we can count on income from our gas well commitment.

These are our financial needs for the summer:

\$5,000 to finish paying for the Retaining Wall project financed by our Membership two years ago at the the Yogacharya Birthday. *AS OF THIS WRITING, THE PROJECT IS DONE!!!* Come see for yourself, or check it out on the Web. (www.goldenlotus.org) The DNR has required an extra layer of boulders at the base of the wall, resulting in the unexpected expense.

\$5,000 to finish off the “women’s side” of the lower domes. Guests to our Retreat will find more private accommodations under construction in the lower domes, initiated by a generous \$5,000 donation from one of our members. The cost of renting these spaces will be kept low, so that members can afford to visit often.

\$2,000 to remove the trailers to the right of the garden, scheduled for June 15th. When we are able, these accommodations will be replaced by buildings more suited to a “*Yoga Retreat of Excellence.*”

\$5,000 to put up the new railing to replace the dilapidated one currently marring the beauty of our newly completed retaining wall. This will include a protecting railing at the top of the dam for safety. We need the funds this summer to take advantage of the volunteer workers available to do the project.

How many of you, over the years, have supported us so generously time and again. Can we count on you now? Not only our deepest gratitude, but also that priceless feeling of solidarity with the expressed purposes of Master will be your reward. In addition, we will send you a “thank you” CD of one of Yogacharya’s unpublished SRF Services from the Detroit Institute of Arts, entitled “*Loyalty is the Greatest Law.*” If you attended the Spring Banquet and have received this, please indicate this on the enclosed donation form, and your name will go on a list to receive as your “thank you” the next CD issued. We will hand this out to you personally at the Yogacharya Birthday celebration over Labor Day week-end, or mail it out to you shortly thereafter.

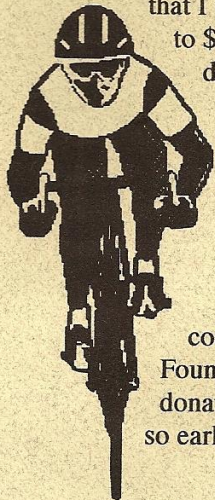
It takes the love and devotion of ALL of us to go on doing this work. Will YOU join with us?

And ... as Yogacharya used to say, ...THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

**In Master’s love,
The Golden Lotus Board of Directors**



\$15,000 CROSS-CANADA CHALLENGE



It has always been a personal goal of mine to bicycle across Canada. To commemorate the effort that I will be taking with friends this summer, I am pledging to match member donations with up to \$5,000, one dollar for every mile that we will be cycling. The way it will work is that I will donate \$1 to Song of the Morning Ranch for every \$2 donated by members.

This means that if the membership donates \$10,000 by September 1, then together we will have contributed \$15,000 this summer towards vital projects.

*Please join me in pledging
2¢ (\$100.00), 5¢ (\$250.00), 10¢ (\$500.00) or more per mile.*

You will be able to track my progress on an online BLOG that I will be keeping. After completing the ride I will be calling into Song of the Morning Ranch from St. Johns, New Foundland during Yogacharya's birthday celebration. At that time I will match the member donations with up to \$5,000. Song of the Morning requires these funds throughout the summer, so early donations will be much appreciated! - *and will certainly give me extra energy.*

Lets work together to raise \$15,000 this summer!

Have a Blissful Summer!
Mitch Kamiel



BUILDING THE FUTURE/CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE

YES, I wish to contribute to BUILDING THE FUTURE/CROSS COUNTRY CHALLENGE

Name: _____
Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Enclosed is my donation:

- ☐ 30¢ a mile (\$1,500.) ☐ 20¢ a mile (\$1,000.) ☐ 10¢ a mile (\$500.)
☐ 5¢ a mile (\$250.00) ☐ 2¢ a mile (\$100.00) ☐ _____ Other

We are grateful for all donations, please give what you can. As our thankyou please accept:

- ☐ "Loyalty is the Greatest Law."
☐ I have already received, "Loyalty is the Greatest Law." Please put my name on the list for the next Cd.

Method of Donation:

- ☐ Check# _____ Make checks payable to: **Golden Lotus, Inc.**
☐ Mastercard # _____ EXP# _____ / _____
☐ VISA# _____ EXP# _____ / _____

Please return this slip along with your donation to:

Golden Lotus, Inc. 9607 Sturgeon Valley Road, Vanderbilt, MI 49795.

If you wish to call your donation in the number is: 989-983-4107

...and thank you very much!