

RAA Conference Exhibit: Honoring the Pioneers of Reflexology

Dear RAA Members:

At our last RAA Conference 2004 in Tucson, Arizona, Ignacio (Nachi) Sanchez, RAA Delegate and Magazine Reporter, announced his plan to establish a Reflexology Museum to preserve our great reflexology history – a history that expands over 93 years! Yes, 93 years! He has diligently collected museum quality items (See RAA Magazine Autumn 2005) and will exhibit all his finds thus far at the RAA Conference 2008 in Portland Maine. He needs your help.

In an email dated February 11, 2008, he wrote:

“As I previously communicated my intentions in making an exhibit in Portland, Maine, ***‘Honoring the Pioneers of Reflexology’*** is going full steam ahead! I met a week ago with Mr. Byers (Dwight Byers) and on behalf of his family and the IIR, he loaned me for this exhibit what I call museum items! He said, “It is my duty to help in showing the world, how important these persons are for reflexology and its science”.

I have many items from Eunice Ingham and Dr. Joe Riley, as well as a book that very few have seen from Dr. Fitzgerald! In addition to her table, all of these items will be at the exhibit. I also have never before seen pictures of Eunice!

Opal, I’m writing to see if you can help this venture by sending an email to all Reflexologists across America and abroad to enlist their help in making this memorable exhibit even bigger.

If anyone has a signed book, pictures, or any other item that belonged to any of the pioneers, to please loan it to be a part of this important event. Of course their name will be included in a banner (to be placed above the exhibit), which states: “This exhibit was made possible by the following contributors”.

I am working on enlisting the help of a few major corporate sponsors for this exhibit. All of them are related to foot products. I hope that I can do it! Any of the money left over from the expenses will be donated to RAA and their appointed charity for this conference.

You know I normally do not write but I’m so excited about this, that I had to let you know!

I hope that you will approve of this venture and I trust I can count on your help! – Nachi”

Nachi has assured me that any item(s) loaned or donated to this exhibit will be protected and safe at all times during the conference.

I definitely approve of this venture and ask all of you to help make this exhibit a great success. We have many members who may have studied with Eunice (or know of someone who did) that may still have books or other items of interest – or even notes taken during her classes that could contain gems of information – that will be of value to this exhibit.

For more information or to donate items, please contact: Nachi Sanchez, bestreflexology@aol.com, Phone: 1-954-471-3497, Fax: 1-954-455-4236, or Mail: Ignacio (Nachi) Sanchez, P.O. Box 3256, Hollandale, FL 33008

We thank you in advance for your help in making the ***Honoring the Pioneers of Reflexology*** and the **RAA Conference 2008, May 1-4**, an enormous success!

Sincerely,

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