


An 826 Seattle Update April 11, 2005

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As a friend of 826 Seattle, you might want to know that Dave Eggers, acclaimed author and co-founder (along with Ninive Calegari) of our mother ship organization, 826 National, is in *Time* magazine's annual issue naming the 100 most influential people in the country (April 18, 2005).

Many cities around the country are vying to be accepted under the 826 wing: Philadelphia, Boston, Washington D.C., and New Orleans, to name just a few. I find the enthusiasm enormously inspiring and I guess *Time* does also. For now, there is a hold on adding any new chapters to 826 Valencia, 826 NYC, 826 LA, 826 Seattle, 826 Chicago, and 826 Michigan — but you can rest assured that we're in the beginning stage of something big on a national level.

Seattle should be the next chapter to open its doors. That dotted line on a lease agreement is getting darn close! For those who don't know, we've moved our aspirations from Columbia City to Greenwood. Wonder why? We invite you to take a walk around the neighborhood north of 85th and Greenwood and enjoy the rich cultural diversity there. It fits perfectly into our plans: ethnically diverse, a neighborhood in need but a with a firm sense of community, and a lively retail scene where the 826 Seattle Space Traveler Supply Store will fit right in.

These days, lots of house parties have happened or are scheduled, and they're turning out to be dynamite fundraisers and a great way to disseminate information to folks who care. Want to host a house party? Hosts provide the place, the guest list, the food, and the beverages. Our highly trained house party team whisks in with wine glasses for all, ice buckets, a visual display of 826 featuring The Story of Dave (clever and informative), a pile of (stylish) t-shirts for sale, a speaker (me), and a nicely designed packet of information for each guest. We keep it short and to the point, and everyone seems to have fun.

My cousin Cyndee, who is helping a lot on this project, told me I should keep my little updates to two paragraphs. She is aware of the verbose tendency of some members of our family. If she doesn't read her name in

this newsletter, it's because she stopped reading after two paragraphs... just like she threatened to do.

Thanks to all of you for your ongoing support. We'll keep you posted about upcoming events.

Teri Hein
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