
I met Rhonda & Iyanla!

Posted by LiLLY - 2005/05/04 06:05

Hi- Went to the "mall tour " in my area ...they were great. Very funny, Rhonda is hilarious. They are both very inspirational and motivational speakers.

Rhonda is MUCH prettier in person, as is Andy...they are even more beautiful in person (and No Andy was not there that day before you all ask). You can really see the weight that Rhonda has lost, I can tell you she surely does not look pregnant, and I have some great pics. She also stated that she is 44 yrs old. Her look was much younger, fresh and hip, not older as she appears on tv sometimes. Her hair was pin straight and her make up flawless. She was VERY personable, so happy to be there and meet the fans, as was Iyanla, they were so generous with thier time. Rhonda said they were having a party for her that night with 500 eligible bachelors there, she was gonna find mr. right, then she jokingly said why do you think she was doing the mall tour? He's out there somewhere, she has to go and find him, ha ha, somethign like that. I asked if I could go too, surely she could spare one of them for a single sister! LOL

They were very nice, I happened to luck out and get great seats, the starting over handout workbook type guide for the seminar, which they ran out of but said you could print off the website if you want the info, I do not know if this is accurate as I have not checked.

I also had the opportunity to meet them, get photos and have my books signed. When Rhonda came out, I could not believe my reaction, I actually cried when I saw her. It was a great day, I laughed, had some insights and got to meet them, made the drive worth it.

I even got hugs! Yup-One of those big 'ol hugs from Iyanla! told her she was an inspiration, and that sometimes the things she said, she "spoke to my soul" ..she laughed stood up to hug me and said, " I'm gonna put that on my resume, "SOUL SPEAKER" and we both laughed, you heard of here first, LOL.

The most profound thing that I heard was "if you believe in the "what" the "how" will come" ..and you know that has happend to me numerous times in my life. For example that day, how i got seats and a program and photos, all arriving 5 mins before it started (we were held up with traffic, weather, and I was in a great deal of pain, so ended up getting there later than I had wanted) it all just happened.

They also spoke about how you need to have a clear vision, it really was so moving and right on, all conveyed in a manner in which everyone could relate too, AND VERY , very funny..seriously, they could do stand up!!

Iyanla also said somethign that I have heard before and know cognitively, but it just really hit me the way she presented it, that yes " you may have been hurt, someone may have wronged you, but you need to give up the need for someone else to validate that you have been hurt and your pain...." basically, let go and move on. I found the info they gave out very interesting reading indeed. Iyanla licked her finger and kept flicking it to the audience like she was throwing something and said something like I put a curse on you all, you will be happy , I forget the exact words she used, but she said y'all can stop emailing me whining, with your problems , and how unhappy you are, now I cursed you to be blessed", again I forget exactly the way she worded it

The next day I went to the casting call, I was there 3 1/2 hours. The porducer was very nice, but there were some very unpleasant "fans" there which I could have done without, one in particular, reminded me so much of an original houseguest, was so rude. Gave me great insight as to what I have experienced with SO fans in other formats. Also , Denise was advertised to be there, she never showed up..when I asked they said " she must be running late" they seemed surprised as well, so one can easily assume she did not call either.

I am only posting this because I thought that some who were unable to attend may like to hear another fans experience, so I ask for common courtesy.

Thank you

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Re:I met Rhonda & Iyanla!

Posted by l2teach - 2005/05/04 06:32

Wow Lilly, What a great experience for you.

I can't wait to meet them when they come to my home town later this month. Hopefully I'll be as lucky as you were. I've heard not all events have been as good as others.

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Re:I met Rhonda & Iyanla!

Posted by honeyb - 2005/05/04 07:12

:laugh: Good reporting, Lilly!! I bet you had a wonderful time. I'm so glad you told us about this experience, when we only see them on t.v., you know, it's just not the same! Is there anyway you could share your pictures with us?? I'd love to see them!! :rolleyes:

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Re:I met Rhonda & Iyanla!

Posted by LiLLY - 2005/05/04 12:52

Thanks Teach and Honey!

I added some more details for you if you are interested. I had not heard that before teach, what area are they coming to that you will be able to see them? There are only like 4 dates left I believe. I hope the one in your area is a positive an experience as the one I was fortunate enough to see.

I met some lovely people..I also met a girl that drove all the way here form canada 9 hrs each way for this and the open call.

Teach, I woud I try and print out the worksheets and info to take with me to the seminar just n case I didnt get the actual handout.

FYI- I heard that Lori is gettting married on May 15th!
I'm so happy for her

The coaches also do seminars, in fact they have some coming up. Rhonda is doing a small one that I am welcome to attend, but they are a bit pricey for me. I'm saving for another event with pricey tickets at the moment, LOL

I also found out a bit about thier coaching programs and Rhondas Fear busters groups. They both have websites with this info.

All You Need Is Love!!

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Re:I met Rhonda & Iyanla!

Posted by SoFan1 - 2005/05/04 16:26

So glad you had a good experiene Lilly.

Rhonda is beautiful, unfortunatly when they came to Orlando April 16 it wasnt quite the experience you had. Rhonda only was there and while I do love Rhonda it was missing a little something for me. Maybe Iyanla being sick and unable to attend had a part in it. Even though the tour wasnt that exciting I would do it all over again.

The workbooks are great and the insight gained will stay with me forever.

Peace and Love
SOFAN1

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Re:I met Rhonda & Iyanla!

Posted by Tara - 2005/05/04 17:00

That sounds great. I would have loved to meet them when they come to the Boston area on the 15th but I'm actually

going to be away that weekend.

Re:I met Rhonda & Iyanla!

Posted by Halfdollar - 2005/05/04 17:31

Thank You LiLLY!

We haven't seen you yet you came to share with us, that is very kind! We have not heard much about personal attendance to any of the events. So HAPPY you enjoyed yourself! That is so Cool LiLLY!

I don't even know if they were around my neck of the woods, Detroit or north of.

Stick around and join in on the scheduled chats (click on events in left column to see calendar) and post some with us! There's even an ARCADE on site now, click it on the left column, also.

Would you be able to scan any of your pics & post them here LiLLY? Not familiar but don't see how it wouldn't work.

Take care!

Halfdollar&the...

Re:I met Rhonda & Iyanla!

Posted by 2CENTS - 2005/05/04 17:49

Oh Lilly!!!! I am so glad you were able to go on the mall tour and meet the Life Coaches and have such a wonderful experience!!!

:laugh: :P :lol: :laugh: :P :lol:

My only disappointment is that I wasn't able to go and experience it with you :(:dry:

Thank you so much for taking the time and reporting back to us. :rolleyes: It sounded terrific!!!! I knew it would be great. I really could have used a fun day like that about now.

:dry: dang.

Re:I met Rhonda & Iyanla!

Posted by l2teach - 2005/05/04 18:28

Lilly they are here on the last stop of the tour. Mall of America on May 21st, can't wait. It is only 20 minutes from my house. Actually the mall of america is the closest shopping mall to my house.

Hey Toothgal , photo girl and Andrea23 are you planning on going?.

Re:I met Rhonda & Iyanla!

Posted by Payenanny - 2005/05/04 21:00

So fun to take the "ride" through your words..what a wonderful experience you had..and how lucky you were that it all

went so well for you...just like it was supposed to.....hugs and pictures...wow a dream come true...so cool....

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Met Rhonda, iyanla, Bethany and Allison

Posted by svengteach - 2005/05/07 20:33

Today I went to the Starting Over Tour in Charlotte, NC and had the privilege of meeting Rhonda and Iyanla, as well as former housemate, Bethany, and current housemate, Allison. It was a fantastic day, and I was so thrilled to know that there are so many diehard SO fans! I really enjoyed Rhonda's presentation. She shared her story, and I was extremely moved by her authenticity. Iyanla's presentation was typical Iyanla style; I just did not feel as connected to hers as I did Rhonda. Allison and Bethany were there, and Allison spoke. Bethany is such a tiny person. I understand that she has lost some weight, but I believe that she was not that big to begin with. Allison looks great. Autographs and pictures will serve as fond memories for me. I still am in shock that I the lifecoaches and two of the houseguests. It was just incredible!!!!

I'm still on cloud nine!

Sarah

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Re:Met Rhonda, iyanla, Bethany and Allison

Posted by Payenanny - 2005/05/07 23:31

That is awesome sveng...I can feel the excitement coming through your post...How lucky you are to have had the opportunity to attend what seems like an exciting day...Happy for you..wish we could see the pictures...if you think of anything more..please share with us...Thanks again and ...cool..

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Re:Met Rhonda, iyanla, Bethany and Allison

Posted by LiLLY - 2005/05/08 06:25

I'm so glad you got to go and meet them too!!

Rhonda shared her story in a way I had never heard before, so much detail, from the heart, feelings she experienced from her gut moved many to tears, including myself. The woman sitting next to me grabbed and held my hand. I agree with you, Rhonda also had a more powerful effect on me too. I esp loved when she said "change one thing, 5 mins" a day to build up your goal and then shared her gym, treadmill story,....

1st day, put my sneakers on!! woohoo

2nd day, put my sweats on...woohoo

3rd say, drove by the gym, ok so now I know where it is

4th day, went in and got a schedule! good for me!!

5th day, ok, Ill do the treadmill for..5 mins

"warm up counts" haha

okay so Im on the treadmill..and what happens?, skinny chick hops on the treadmill next to me"....LOL

Now I could try and outrun her, show her I can, but if I do Im giving her my power, so what do i do? stop at 5 mins, yes./ and one day I'll build up to 45 mins, ect, and one day I"LL be the skinny chick"

this is from the best of my memory.

I also liked it when she differentiated between are you doing something cause you choose to, or you ought to? cause when you do it cause you ought to, your giving away your spirit or something like that. she spoke about keeping a lifelog for like 7 days and keeping track of things you do from choice or ought. Once again, I viisited the site the other day, under the tour pop up thier is a section to print out the programs they presented.

It was so exciting, I look at the pic of me and rhonda and I still can't believe I met her. It;s also exciting to meet these woman that we watch go thru these challenges and struggles. I have met a few myself and have become somewhat friendly with two of them.

I must say I was taken aback by something lynala said,, after my jaw dropped open I laughed so hard..A woman was

sharing that her husband was less than supportive about her watching the show and her wanting to better herself, she continued to on not getting it, what they were saying to her, that basically its about her and what she wants, she continued to " but how to I make him see, change, etc" finally lyanla said I'm all jazzed up or somethign like that, becoming visibly kinda "jazzed" up for lack of a better word..., and she said ladies " you want to have this conversation BEFORE you get married!!!!" (This is what I want and can you support me in that , etc) LADIES!!! You wanna know how long it is, how big it is and where it's been, BEFORE you get married!!! It was sooo funny...

Thank you so much for sharing with us, I would love ot hear more about your day should you choose to share. Will you be posting your photos? I'm torn becasue part of me wants to share, but I do not feel comfortablel posting photos of others or myself for that matter on the internet, nor do I know how to, LOL

Thanks for sharing!! and welcome to the board!!!

Thank you all for your interest and kind words in this thread. I hope to be a "bandita" one day, LOL

Post edited by: Lilly, at: 2005/05/08 09:30

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