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Peace News

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**Celebrating Project Ploughshares
Calgary's 30th Anniversary!**

**October 12 - Anniversary Dinner, Danish
Canadian Club, 727 - 11 Ave SW**

**October 13 - Seminar with Ernie Regehr,
O.C., Co-Founder of Project Ploughshares**

You are cordially invited to Ploughshares' 30th Anniversary dinner and seminar featuring Ernie Regehr.

Friday evening there is a dinner for Ploughshares supporters to commemorate our 30th Anniversary (\$50 per person, \$35 low income), and on Saturday there will be a special workshop presented by Ernie Regehr at Parkdale United Church (\$25, \$15 low income). Ernie will present his views on the international obligation of 'Responsibility to Protect' vulnerable people, in light of recent events and peacekeeping. Please contact the office at 403-270-7366 or office@ploughsharescalgary.ca for more info or to register. Please see the complete invitation [here](#).

**Fifty Years after the Cuban Missile Crisis: What
have we learned? Where are we heading?
Sunday October 21, 2012, Calgary Public Library,
John Dutton Theatre, 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

Papers will be presented by Calgarians on this important day in the history of near-nuclear disasters. This interactive seminar invites Calgarians to take place in important discussions around what we have learned from this particular incident, and to think critically about where we want to go in the future in terms of nuclear disarmament. If you are interested in learning more, this is the session for you! Also, if you would be interested in presenting a paper, please inquire with Dr. Arthur Clarke at awcimp@shaw.ca.



**Project Ploughshares Annual Peace Fair
Saturday November 3, 2012**

St. David's United Church

9:30 am - 4 pm Save the Date!

The Annual Peace Fair is always a crowd-pleasing event! We will have 30 vendors selling items that are fairly-traded, environmentally friendly and that support social justice causes. Come do your holiday or other shopping knowing that the items you're purchasing

are doing no harm to either the environment or to people!



Sunday September 23, 2012 Eau Claire Market Running Room



Our inaugural Calgary Peace Run, a fundraising project in collaboration with the Consortium for Peace Studies, was a huge success! **Thanks so much to all of you who supported the run through your donations, sponsorships, registrations, volunteer hours, draw prizes and positive thoughts!** We had very close to 300 registrants for the run, with 50 volunteers working hard throughout the morning to ensure the smooth running of the event. It was great to see so many people supporting the concept of peace while participating in a healthy, life-affirming activity! Our goal is to spread the awareness of peace-related activities even further with next year's run, which will hopefully take place on the International Day of Peace on September 21st. More details will be available in the New Year!

Following are our medal winners: **Congrats to one and all!**

Male Overall 5K Run

- 1 - Ahmet Yazicioglu
- 2 - Conrad Greer
- 3 - Donald Workman

Female Overall 5K Run

- 1 - Melanie Stapleton
- 2 - Kaitlyn Petrin
- 3 - Joy Elder

Male Overall 5K Walk

- 1 - Shannon Beck
- 2 - Scott Davidson
- 3 - Bob Dickson

Female Overall 5K Walk

- 1 - Kate Fischer
- 2 - Aisha Zaman
- 3 - Andrea Tombrowski

Male Overall 10K Run

- 1 - Noel Darcy
- 2 - Joel Bryan
- 3 - Jeremie Scott

Female Overall 10K Run

- 1 - Rachel Jones
- 2 - Maria Yu
- 3 - Kristin Fraser

Male Overall 10K Walk

- 1 - Ash Khan
- 2 - N/A
- 3 - N/A

Female Overall 10K Walk

- 1 - Maureen Grier
- 2 - Sherry Gardin
- 3 - Jean Douglas

Age Category Winners

Male 5K Run

- 1 - Anthony Lopez
- 2 - Ahmet Yazicioglu
- 3 - Michael Eschbaumer
- 4 - Jason Cote
- 5 - Conrad Greer
- 6 - Bob McNary
- 7 - N/A

Female 5K Run

- 1 - Brecken Anderson
- 2 - Kaitlyn Petrin
- 3 - Melanie Stapleton
- 4 - Nickie Jacobs
- 5 - Linda Howey
- 6 - Marlene Malach
- 7 - N/A

Male 5K Walk

- 1 - Joel Black
- 2 - N/A
- 3 - Scott Davidson
- 4 - Shannon Beck
- 5 - Kenneth Coburn
- 6 - Robert Dickson
- 7 - Carl Svoboda

Female 5K Walk

- 1 - Taylor Farmer
- 2 - Aisha Zaman
- 3 - Stasha Huntingford
- 4 - Andrea Tombrowski
- 5 - Beverly Powell
- 6 - Mardy Roberts
- 7 - Chris Svoboda

Male 10K Run

- 1 - Josh Teitz
- 2 - Noel Darcy
- 3 - Jeremie Scott
- 4 - Joel Bryan
- 5 - Edward Follis
- 6 - David Swann
- 7 - N/A

Female 10K Run

- 1 - Jessie Molnar
- 2 - Kristin Fraser
- 3 - Rachel Jones
- 4 - Nikki Sheppy
- 5 - Marjorie Krywitsky
- 6 - Diane Porter
- 7 - N/A

Male 10K Walk

- 1 - N/A
- 2 - N/A
- 3 - N/A
- 4 - N/A
- 5 - N/A
- 6 - N/A
- 7 - Ash Khan

Female 10K Walk

- 1 - Tess Porter
- 2 - Deb Kocay
- 3 - N/A
- 4 - Marcie Fortier
- 5 - Maureen Grier
- 6 - Jade Lawrence
- 7 - N/A

If you see your name on the lists above and haven't yet received your medal, please contact Karen at 403-270-7366 or office@ploughsharescalgary.ca to make arrangements to pick it up.

PLUS - Our thanks to the 3 people who brought in the greatest amount of sponsorship dollars for their own runs and walks: **Dr. Bob Dickson, Kenneth Coburn, and Ash Khan!**

Our other partner in this run, **cdpeace**, a development and peace organization located in Sierra Leone, also participated in the Calgary Peace Run from Antogonish, Nova Scotia! Photos from their run (same time as our run in Calgary) below:



calgary peace run

SUNDAY SEPT 23

5K, 10K TIMED RUN, OR WALK
REG @ RUNNINGROOM.CA



Ploughshares Calgary News

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers Needed!

Please visit our website www.ploughsharescalgary.ca. We can always use a helping hand!

We will be developing new Committee Coordinator positions to help out with next year's Calgary Peace Run, in addition to all our regular volunteer opportunities. Please email Karen at office@ploughsharescalgary, or phone her at [403-270-7366](tel:403-270-7366).



Donations Needed!

Monthly donations in September from individuals totalled \$750. Please remember your local peace education organization when you are considering giving money to a worthwhile cause. Please give generously! We are deeply appreciative of your help with our programming needs!



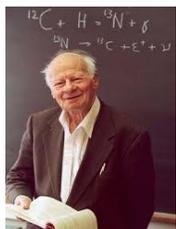
Mayors for Peace Update

Now celebrating its 30th year, Mayors for Peace membership has reached 5,400 cities in 154 countries and regions, representing approximately one billion people. To celebrate, Mayors for Peace member cities and supporters are encouraged to participate in the Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bombing 5000-Member Milestone Poster Exhibition and the petition drive for a nuclear weapons convention and a nuclear-free world by 2020.

At the close of its 80th annual meeting in Orlando Florida, on June 16, 2012, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the national association of cities with populations over 30,000, unanimously adopted a strong, comprehensive, new Mayors for Peace resolution Calling for U.S. Leadership in Global Elimination of Nuclear Weapons and Redirection of Nuclear Weapons Spending to Meet the Urgent Needs of Cities.

On August 6th, the 67th anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing, the City of Hiroshima held its annual Peace Memorial Ceremony where Mayor Matsui, the President of Mayors for Peace, read the annual Hiroshima Peace Declaration, declaring: "I firmly believe that the demand for freedom from nuclear weapons will soon spread out from Hiroshima, encircle the globe, and lead us to genuine world peace." Next August, Hiroshima will host a Mayors for Peace General Conference (held every four years).

On August 9th, the City of Nagasaki held its annual Atomic Bomb Victims Peace Memorial Ceremony. In the Nagasaki Peace Declaration, Mayors for Peace Vice-President Mayor Taue warned: "There are over 19,000 nuclear weapons in the world. People all over the world live with the danger that a nuclear war could break out at any moment. I ask you, what would happen to humanity if a modern nuclear weapon, far more powerful than the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima



"As the Director of the Theoretical Division of Los Alamos, I participated at the most senior level in the World War II Manhattan Project that produced the first atomic weapons. Now, at age 88, I am one of the few remaining such senior persons alive. Looking back at the half century since that time, I feel the most intense relief that these weapons have not been used since World War II, mixed with the horror that tens of thousands of such weapons have been built since that time—one hundred times more than any of us at Los Alamos could ever have imagined.

Today we are rightly in an era of disarmament and dismantlement of nuclear weapons. But in some countries nuclear weapons development still continues. Whether and when the various Nations of the World can agree to stop this is uncertain. But individual scientists can still influence this process by withholding their skills.

Accordingly, I call on all scientists in all countries to cease and desist from work creating, developing, improving and manufacturing further nuclear weapons - and, for that matter, other weapons of potential mass destruction such as chemical and biological weapons."

~ Hans Albrecht Bethe

Peace Boat “No Nukes!” Campaign

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JAPAN?

After a huge earthquake and tsunami hit northeastern Japan on March 11, 2011, three reactors at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant experienced full meltdown. This crisis – the world’s worst nuclear disaster in a quarter-century, led to Japan’s remaining 50 operational nuclear reactors, which had been supplying a third of the nation’s electricity, to also be shut down. Despite the opposition of the public and safety concerns of scientists and experts, and lingering issues in Fukushima requiring resolution, the Japanese government restarted two reactors at the Ohi nuclear power plant in Fukui Prefecture.

When the Global Conference for a Nuclear Power Free World was held in Yokohama, Japan on January 14-15 2012, over 11,500 people joined in person, while over 100,000 more watched live via the internet, joining the growing movement for a nuclear power free Japan. Weekly citizens’ demonstrations in Tokyo have been growing, and over 170,000 people joined the “100,000 People’s Assembly to say Goodbye to Nuclear Power Plants” assembly on July 16 in Tokyo – a historical event in Japan. Women with small children, business men in suits, people young and old and from all walks of life are showing their discontent towards Japan’s nuclear policies. It is now crucial to support this movement, strengthening the momentum for finding ways to go forward without nuclear power and eventually create a nuclear free Japan and world.

HOW TO SHOW SUPPORT INTERNATIONALLY

Peace Boat recently launched the “No Nukes!” campaign, to broaden this movement around the world. By joining this Facebook campaign, anyone can show their support for a world without nuclear energy, and receive information on the nuclear free movement around the world. Participants in this campaign include Academy Award winning musician Sakamoto Ryuichi and actor and leading anti-nuclear activist Yamamoto Taro.

To show your support for the movement away from nuclear dependence in Japan, and to strengthen this momentum internationally, we ask you to take 5 easy steps:

Step 1 – Press the “Like” button on the facebook campaign page: www.facebook.com/pbnnc

Step 2 – Write 「No Nukes」 on the back of your hand

Step 3 – Form your hand in the shape of the “Like” sign (or thumbs up)

Step 4 – Take pictures with your cellular phone or camera so that your face and the “NO NUKES” written on your hand is in the picture

Step 5 – Post it on the wall of the facebook campaign page:

www.facebook.com/pbnnc

Thank you so much in advance for your support.

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Special thanks to Karen Huggins & Sally Hodges for their work writing and editing this issue of the newsletter.

Calgary Peace Events



Women in Black Calgary Silent Vigil each 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 12:00 - 12:45 pm

Everyone is welcome to join Women in Black in an oasis of peace at Olympic Plaza, downtown Calgary, standing amongst the statues of the Famous Five Women. Standing for a World without Violence

Calgary Centre for Global Community C3 Forum—Communities Connecting for Change Saturday October 27th, 12:00—7:00 pm Genesis Centre, 7555 Falconridge Blvd. NE

We're inviting Calgarians from across the city to join us for a unique community building event! The C3 Forum is bringing together community members & leaders, community organizations, and people working on civic engagement to share ideas and experiences and to inspire Calgarians from all walks of life to contribute to positive change in their communities. Please check our website at www.calgarycgc.org/programs_001_004.html for more information about registration and how you can get involved!



Project Ploughshares Presentation Wednesday November 14, 2012 Parkdale United Church Conference Room 7:30—9:00 pm

Maxine Kaufman-Lacusta lived in Jerusalem for seven years and has written widely on Palestinian and Israeli nonviolent activism and related topics. She will present her recent book, *Refusing to be Enemies: Palestinian and Israeli Nonviolent Resistance to the Israeli Occupation*, an interview-based study that presents the voices of over 100 practitioners and theorists of nonviolence, the vast majority either Palestinian or Israeli, as they reflect on their own involvement in nonviolent resistance and speak about the nonviolent strategies and tactics employed by Palestinian and Israeli organizations, both separately and in joint initiatives. In their own words, these activists share examples of effective nonviolent campaigns and discuss obstacles encountered in their pursuit of a just peace, as well as the changes required for their organizations - and the nonviolent movement as a whole - to more successfully pursue this goal. Attention is also devoted to the special challenges of joint struggle and to hopes and visions for a shared future in the region.

"I better quit my talking 'cause I told you all I know
But please remember, pardner, wherever you may go
The people are building a peaceful world, and when the job is done,
That'll be the biggest thing that man has ever done."

--- Woody Guthrie, American folk hero

Yes! I want to become a Project Ploughshares Calgary donor and partner in building peace.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Here is my donation for 2012 of:

\$35 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$_____

(donations of \$10 or more will receive a tax receipt)

I'd like to become a Friend of Ploughshares and give a monthly pre-authorized debit donation, please send me an application form:

I'd like to receive the monthly newsletter by:

Email (recommended) Mail (with \$35 donation)