



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE DAYTON INTERNATIONAL PEACE MUSEUM.

DIPM Welcomes a New Executive Director

The Board of the Dayton International Peace Museum is very pleased to announce that Jake Schlachter has joined the Museum as its new Executive Director. Jake will serve as



Director until April, 2010, at which time the Board will decide how best to carry the Museum's leadership forward. Jake will

spend his six-month tenure helping to prepare the way for the Museum to move to the next level of service to local, national and international communities. He will focus on financial and organizational development, as well as expansion of programming.

Jake brings strong organizing, technology and leadership skills to the position of Executive Director. His background includes creating and running a successful, independent, grass-roots campaign in Miami County to help elect Obama president last year, several years of software development experience, and most recently, carrying out an independent documentary film project in Rwanda.

Please welcome Jake and offer him your support. **You will have the opportunity to meet Jake**

and discuss your ideas and concerns with him at the **Volunteers Meeting, Saturday, November 7th at 11 am.**

A Word from Jake himself...

Hello, Dayton peace community! I want to thank Kate and Amber for giving me a few inches in this month's newsletter to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of the Museum. In September, the Board hired me on as its first paid staffer to help the Museum reach the next stage in its growth. More on this in a bit. First I want to congratulate you, and all of our Museum's volunteers, donors, and supporters on hiring our first paid Executive Director. We've been working for this achievement for a long time, and today we celebrate our success. My thanks to all of you for the support you've given to help the Museum reach this milestone.

My title is "director" but really I feel more like an incorporator -- or an incubator. My role is to help guide a group of visionaries through the transition to a more mature and stable non-profit service organization. I'll be focused on putting financial and organizational systems in place, expanding our base of support within Dayton and the world, and helping the Board and our volunteers develop our strategic priorities for the future. Where will we be in six months? I hope you will lend your voice to the chorus as we determine the way forward.

On the Road Again...

Recalling a song lyric by Museum Trustee, Willie Nelson "...on the road, again..." the Museum was invited to participate in the 19th Annual Westheimer Peace Symposium on October 21. The PeaceMobile was open all day on campus and our



"Nonviolent Solutions" exhibit was on display in the main hall for the entire week. The symposium was well attended and several Museum volunteers enjoyed a lyrical lecture by Holly Near, a delightful peace concert and a moving keynote by African rapper, Emmanuel Jal, author of "War Child." Friendships were renewed and contacts for future collaboration between Wilmington's Peace Resource Center and the Museum were encouraged. Many thanks to all volunteers who ably represented the Museum at this event.

Peace has to be created, in order to be maintained. It is the product of Faith, Strength, Energy, Will, Sympathy, Justice, Imagination, and the triumph of principle. It will never be achieved by passivity and quietism. – Dorothy Thompson

\$5000 Grant from Skees Family Foundation

Many thanks to the Skees Family Foundation, which gave a \$5000 grant last month, which will go toward paying our new Executive Director. And thanks to Chris Dull for writing the proposal!

ScreenPeace—Last Show!!

Don't miss the opportunity to see the awards showing of the 2009 ScreenPeace Student Film & Video Contest entries, Sunday, Nov. 8th. Support our local young people in their pursuit of peace by honoring the hard work they've done to produce their peace films.



Showings at 12:30 pm at the Little Art Theatre in Yellow Springs, and 7 pm at the Neon Movies at 5th and Patterson, downtown Dayton. Tickets at the door: \$7.50.

Parity Mentoring Program & College Hill Community Church Visit Peace Museum

October 24-25th was a busy weekend for the Museum, with mixed groups of children and adults from the Parity Mentoring



Program and College Hill Community Church coming in for tours. Volunteers worked hard to make their visits enjoyable and educational!

U.S. Army Capt.: World Peace Achievable through Nonviolent Means

Captain Paul Chappell, author of *Will War Ever End? A Soldier's Vision of Peace for the 21st Century* did a whirlwind tour of the Dayton/Springfield area last month, speaking at Wittenberg University, Wright State University and the University of Dayton. Captain Chappell's compelling vision of how war can and must come to an end is informed by his West Point education and seven



years of active duty in the U.S. Army, including deployment to Iraq. His second book, *The End of War: New Ideas for Achieving World Peace*, is due out in April, 2010. He is currently working on a third book, entitled *Peaceful Revolution*. Leaving active duty this month, Captain Chappell takes up his new position as Peace Leadership Director for the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (www.wagingpeace.org), based in Santa Barbara, California.



Ralph and Chris with Paul Chappell

Obama Wins Nobel Peace Prize and Peace Museum Gets National Press!



The Dayton International Peace Museum proudly extends congratulations to President Obama on being awarded the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize. We take it as a gesture of approval to all Americans on electing the

country's first African-American president, as well as a strong message of encouragement to President Obama that his efforts to bring parties and nations together in cooperation for peace bring hope to many and are widely appreciated.

Following the announcement of the president's award, the Museum is abuzz with **our coast-to-coast press coverage** last week! Our campaign to ask President Obama to support our Museum's vision and the people of Dayton when he accepts his Nobel Peace Prize has already attracted nationwide attention, from the New York Times and Washington Post to the LA Times on the West Coast. Taking advantage of the momentum, our volunteers have led the way with personal letters and online networking. Creating a formal proposal is the next step, and this will be a big topic at Monday's Board meeting — stay tuned!

Mark your calendars for...
Wednesday, November 4th:
Poets for Peace Poetry Reading,
 7pm, Peace Hall

Saturday, November 7th:
November Volunteer Meeting,
 11am, Peace Hall. Jake Schlachter will introduce himself to volunteers and answer your questions!

Tuesday, November 10th:
Christian Peacemakers Team Presentation, 7-8.30 pm, Peace Hall. **Sylvia Morrison**, CPT's Undoing Racism Coordinator, will talk about CPT's work on racism. **Sandra Milena Rincón**, of the Colombia CP team will speak on CPT in Colombia.

Sunday, November 15th:
Interfaith Dialogue, 4pm, Peace Hall —Topic: "A Theoretical Model of Development of Faith: How we grow or stay stuck in our beliefs in God."