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# PeaceKeeper

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE DAYTON INTERNATIONAL PEACE MUSEUM.

## Mark Your Calendar!

**Nov. 2- Registration deadline for Dayton Peace Accords: The First Fifteen Years**  
<http://daytonpeaceaccordsat15.eventbrite.com>

**Nov. 3, 7:30pm - Peace Hall, Poets Reading For Peace, Dayton Literary Peace Prize**

**Nov. 5 - Commemorative Banquet & Tour of DPA, Hope Hotel.**

**Nov. 5, 10-11am. - Dr. Wayer Azmeh will speak on Sharia, Peace Hall. Refreshments included. Space is limited. Please RSVP to [janibeers@aol.com](mailto:janibeers@aol.com)**

**Nov. 6, 10am -noon - "Communicating in a Culture of Peace" facilitated by Linda Marshall, DIPM**

**Volunteer Coordinator, Dialogue facilitator, & Board member**

**Nov. 7 - All day Policy Forum @ UD Ballroom. To order tickets & RSVP <http://daytonpeaceaccordsat15.eventbrite.com> or call Kate Evans 333-3659.**

**Nov. 7, 5pm- Dayton Literary Peace Prize Awards, Schuster Center**

**Nov. 21, 2-4pm - Miami Valley Interfaith Dialogue - Mysticism in Hinduism by presenter Harish Trivedi, who has lectured extensively on Indian culture and religion.**

**Dec. 3, 6-10p. - Volunteer Appreciation Party**

**Dec. 10 - Nobel Peace Prize celebration, honoring the 2010 winner and a local peace hero**

## Visit to the Peace Abbey



Last month, volunteers Chris Dull, Linda Marshall and Kate Johnson visited the Interfaith Peace Abbey in Sherborn, MA. They were greeted by the nine-foot bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi that stands at the front of the Abbey's 4+ acre grounds, near the town's war memorial. Many visitors leave offerings of money at Gandhi's feet, which founder Lewis Randa and Programming Coordinator Dot Walsh never collect.

Founded in 1988, after Mother Teresa visited Randa's Life Experience School, established in the early '70s on the grounds of an old Sherborn farm, the Peace Abbey "is dedicated to creating innovative models for society that empower individuals on the paths of nonviolence, peacemaking, and cruelty-free living."

Following a Saturday spent taking in the sacred space of the Abbey, with its incredible collection of relics, statuary, books and photographs, and a Quaker-style meditation service on Sunday morning, Chris and Linda had the opportunity to talk privately with Dot and Lewis about potential collaboration between the Peace Abbey and the Dayton International Peace Museum.

To learn more about the Peace Abbey and the many inspiring peace projects they sponsor, please visit their beautiful website at [www.peaceabbey.org](http://www.peaceabbey.org).

## FYI: Volunteer Meeting change for 2011:

Mark your calendars now for quarterly meetings instead of monthly meetings, starting March 5, June 4, and September 10. Our Volunteer Coordinator will be providing orientation and training for new and existing volunteers during the other months of the year.

## Two Exciting New Volunteer Opportunities:

**ScreenPeace 2010: Film Library**—The *ScreenPeace* Film Festival (2007-2009) arose out of creator/director Thomas Girvin's original vision of creating a new genre of cinema-- the Peace Film. Thus, *ScreenPeace 2010* is taking a different direction this year: commencing the creation of a library of Peace Films to be housed at the Museum. This exciting project is a major undertaking, and Thomas is now recruiting a team to work on it. **If you would like to be on the *ScreenPeace 2010* Film Library team, please contact Thomas at [thomasgirvin@yahoo.com](mailto:thomasgirvin@yahoo.com) or 937-434-1136 immediately.**

## Pennies for Peace Campaign—Let's Build a School in Afghanistan!

If you've seen the Greg Mortenson exhibit, now on display in the Museum's main room, you're aware that one of the ways Greg raises both money and awareness to build his schools is by establishing Pennies for Peace campaigns in U.S. schools and businesses. The Dayton International Peace Museum, in partnership with University of Phoenix, plans to mount a regional Pennies for Peace campaign with the goal of raising \$60,000+ to sponsor a school in Afghanistan. To do so, we will need to enroll as many area schools, colleges and businesses as possible in a collaborative fundraising campaign, encouraging students and employees to drop spare change into a Pennies for Peace jar. We need to begin developing the plan for this now, so we can launch the campaign right after the first of the year when our *Promoting Peace with Books, not Bombs* exhibit begins traveling to other local venues to support the campaign. Thomas Girvin, DIPM Board member and Professor at University of Phoenix, is pulling together a team to coordinate this campaign. **If you would like to join the *Pennies for Peace* Campaign team, please contact Thomas at [thomasgirvin@yahoo.com](mailto:thomasgirvin@yahoo.com) or 937-434-1136 immediately.**

## Library Dedication Marks 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Pollack House

The Dayton International Peace Museum celebrated its first five years in the historic downtown Pollack House on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, with a well-attended reception. Organizers of the event took advantage of the occasion to dedicate the Museum's growing Peace Library to two local Peace giants who have donated much of their personal collections. Dr. Irwin Abrams, world-renowned authority on the history of the Nobel Peace Prize and Distinguished Professor Emeritus from Antioch College shared the honor with Dr. Charles Chatfield, historian of the international Peace Movement and Professor Emeritus at Wittenberg University in Springfield. Dr. Chatfield gave a stirring address, in which he



noted the importance of the commitment demonstrated by the many volunteers who have worked to create and maintain the Peace Museum in its five-year tenure at Pollack House. He asked the audience to listen to the "voices from the library" speaking their encouragement and approval of a "Space to Make Peace." Afterward, Judge Walter Rice cut the symbolic ceremonial ribbon wrapped around the new, complete Oxford Encyclopedia of Peace, acquired for the newly-named Abrams/Chatfield Peace Library. Many thanks to Reverend Eunice Chalfant and work/study student Molly Daniels, for their hard work preparing for this elegant event.

## Volunteer of the Month



Ezra Knox is the Volunteer of the Month for October. Ezra is the Team Leader for the Daily Operations Team developing a schedule each month to cover staffing for the museum, helps out with finding substitutes, and responds in emergencies to open the museum. Without him and his team, the museum would not be open throughout the week.

Even better than the fantastic job Ezra does around the museum is the attitude with which he does it. He is enthusiastic about our vision and loves to point out where he sees us creating a culture of peace. He continues to be friendly and welcoming to our visitors, helping them feel comfortable and excited about the museum. And he's a great supporter for his team. Thanks for being YOU, Ezra!

## Exhibit News

### Greg Mortenson Exhibit Runs Through Jan. 2

Remember to check out the Greg Mortenson exhibit, *Promoting Peace with Books, not Bombs*, in DIPM's main Hall. It will run through January 2. The exhibit chronicles the exemplary life work of an extraordinary man who truly demonstrates that "one person can make a difference." You will find it inspiring and educational, so please don't miss the opportunity to view the exciting display, created by volunteers Bill Meers, Patricia Tilton and Karen Witt.

The exhibit opened Oct. 3 with remarks by Federal Judge Walter Rice, Khurshid Ahmad, Professor Emeritus, Wright State University, Thomas Girvin, Professor, University of Phoenix, and Christine Dull, DIPM founder. Guests were treated to tea and cake.



Prior to its opening, the exhibit was on display at Xavier University for a week before Mortenson spoke there. Christine and Ralph Dull, and other museum volunteers, had the opportunity to spend an hour "up close and personal" with Greg Mortenson, prior to his talk on September 29 where he had the opportunity to view some of the panels.

### Bashir is Back!

Please stop in to welcome Bashir Ahmed back from his five-month stint in his homeland of Kashmir. Bashir is on the Museum's Coordinators Team, responsible for Daily Operations and Staffing of the Museum building. He returns to us with renewed vigor and dedication to this work. In his absence, our "Dean of Volunteers," Bill Alexander, did a superb job of keeping things running smoothly. They both deserve our deepest appreciation for their ongoing work for the Peace Museum.

During his stay at SAMAD'S Island of PEACE in Kashmir, which he owns and operates, Bashir established the Kashmir Center for Peace & Reconciliation. In May, 2011, in cooperation with Kashmiri, American and European colleagues, he plans to begin offering Youth Peace Leadership training workshops at the Center. For more information, contact Bashir at [bgakingfisher@yahoo.com](mailto:bgakingfisher@yahoo.com)

### Upcoming Volunteer Meetings:

Our aim is to provide you with quality training in the art of peacemaking. In that spirit, these are the topics and facilitators for upcoming meetings:

#### Saturday, November 6

**10-noon = Communicating in a Culture of Peace: Speaking Thoughtfully** facilitated by Linda Marshall, Volunteer Coordinator & Dialogue Facilitator

**Noon - whenever = Peacelover's Potluck -- bring a dish to share**

**Topic: Speaking Thoughtfully** Communicating effectively requires both listening deeply and speaking thoughtfully. Experts in the field of organizational development emphasize the importance of listening. Linda has presented previously on that topic and will do a brief review. Also important is speaking thoughtfully and with respect, especially when you are upset...easier said than done. In Linda's presentation, you will have an opportunity to learn 4 practices and 5 steps to help you do just that. It will increase your awareness of what is going on within yourself and between you and someone with whom you are having difficulty. You will have an opportunity to work with an upset for which you would like more clarity.

**Facilitator: Linda A. Marshall** - Linda currently serves on the Board of DIPM and, as the Volunteer Coordinator, on the Coordinator Team. Professionally, she has taught communication and relationship skills to families, couples, and coaching students since 1980. Her passion is facilitating dialogical communication between equals, something the United Nations lifts up as essential for creating a culture of peace.

**No volunteer meeting in December. Be looking for your invitation to an appreciation party to be held on Friday evening, December 3. And be sure to RSVP by November 14th!**

### October Volunteer Meeting

Sixteen volunteers and four guests were present for the October 2 volunteer meeting on Diversity Training. DIPM Board member and Sinclair Community College History Professor, Yufeng Wang, and a Taiwanese colleague from Wright State University presented "Confucius and Taoist Perspectives for Creating Peace and Harmony." It was fascinating to see how one of the oldest cultures on earth approaches this very important topic. A big thank you to our presenters.

