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Special points of interest:

- * Our HIPP (Help Increase the Peace) Trainings are growing-join us
- * We are looking for a part-time assistant to help with HIPP-p 5
- * November 21st-"annual" Adaskin String Trio benefit
- * November 8-Jerusalem Women Speak-p 4

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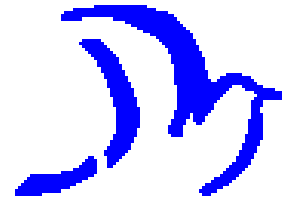
What does the current economic crisis have to do with peace and peace education? Riane Eisler, David Korten and others have written eloquently of our present Great Turning from a society based on domination theory to one embracing Earth based values and practices. Korten, founder of the magazine Y.E.S., in his book "The Great Turning", mentions two key components involved in this new paradigm. The first is a turning away from our valuing interchanges based on money to those based on relationships. The second is a turning from values based on hierarchical relationships to one of partnering of equals.

Thanks, Thanks, Thanks

As a small, grass roots organization, Pax Educare relies a great deal on volunteers. We are so grateful for the time, donations and energy so many give. Special thanks to the following: Kiki Eglinton and Bill Upholt-help with

Are we in a state of real transition? I ask the question-do we enter the "darkness" before we see the Light? Can there be any hope out of the "ashes" of the state of the world? I believe the answer is an unqualified "yes". If we let fear rule our ways, then anxiety is our master. If we turn toward hope, then we may find that our strength to look toward the future lies in our relationships and our concern and care both for one another and for the earth.

Having helped to facilitate a wonderful youth Help Increase the Peace (HIPP) workshop at the Parkville Boys and Girls Club in June with Hank Daignault and youth facilitator Winnie Schauer, I



saw first-hand the power of relationships to transform fear and darkness into positive, life affirming action steps. Thanks to the youth of the Capital Workforce Leadership Program and to Shannon Healy, Program Coordinator for the Boys and Girls Club for this awesome experience.

If your group or you are interested in a HIPP training, please contact us.

Mary Lee Morrison

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The Adaskin String Trio and Sally Pinkus for their gifts of music

The Hartt High School Honors Quartet and to Karen and Phil Will for their lovely living room and piano for our benefit concert



David Smith, Educational Program Officer of the United States Institute of Peace, meets with faculty from the University of Hartford

We are grateful to those of you who have donated to Pax Educare, Inc. this year. You may now donate online. Visit our web site to find out how.

Thanks To Our Donors

In these difficult economic times, we are especially appreciative to those of you who believe in the mission of peace education, and in the work of Pax Educare as we attempt to address the compelling issues of our time and to work toward building a more hopeful world through pedagogy.

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An impish moment at the May HIPP Fun Day at Watkinson School -the event brought together Watkinson and Burr HIPP trainers for a skills refresher and day of continued friendship building



Help Increase the Peace Nonviolence and Leadership Training

Final Hug, HIPP Training for Facilitators at Burr School, March 08.

Pax Educare, Burr Middle School, and Watkinson Middle School concluded another successful year of HIPP (Help Increase the Peace Program) workshops. As always, we included community and youth staff from outside organizations. Requests for training in nonviolence continue to come in. If you or your organization would like more information about HIPP, contact Pax Educare.



Many thanks to our facilitators: Diane Weinholtz, Hank Daignault, Cecilia Zaporta, Anais Herrera, Winnie Schauer and Allan Rogers. Thanks to Burr School for their hosting. Thanks to the Ensworth Charitable Foundation, Bank of America Trustee, The Biosophical Institute and the Hartford Cou-

rant Foundation for their funding.

Mary Lee Morrison, Hank Daignault and Winnie Schauer facilitated a 2 day HIPP Basic Workshop at the Parkville Boys and Girls Club in June. This was part of the Capitol Workforce Leadership Program.

Group Photo, Parkville Workshop

We are looking for a part-time Assistant Coordinator to help with HIPP. 3-5 hours per week. Ideal for a graduate student or mostly stay at home parent. Email us for a job description.



Welcome Chassidy Swaby-intern at Pax Educare

Pax Educare welcomes Chassidy Swaby, a senior at the Big Picture High School in Bloomfield, CT. Chassidy contacted director Mary Lee Morrison, after an internet search pointed her to Pax Educare. She is pursuing her senior research project on violence and is particularly interested in focusing on the Hartford area. Chassidy will be helping out one day a week, working on the newsletter, participating in HIPP, helping with the resource library

and "shadowing" director Mary Lee Morrison, in addition to her research work. Big Picture is a 4 year public magnet high school in Bloomfield, CT, part of the Big Picture Schools initiative out of Providence, RI. The school's philosophy revolves around Learning Through Internships (LTI) which form the core of the curricula. In Chassidy's words "As a senior at this school you are required to do a senior thesis project, which is a project that is

Rt-Chassidy Swaby

carried out for the whole year. My project is an event entitled, 'Stamp the Violence'. The event is designed to educate individuals about violence in our community while enjoying entertainment at the same time. This will be open to all ages of the greater Hartford community. If you would like to help or have any suggestions please call Pax Educare".



Chassidy's event will be held in May-stay tuned

Upcoming Pax Educare Events



Another Wonderful Benefit

Concert November 21st,
7:30 PM at the home of Karen and Phil Will, 227 Girard Street in Hartford. The Adaskin String Trio with pianist Sally Pinkus will once again honor us with their gifts of music. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. Sliding scale \$20-\$100. The trio donates all of the income received to Pax

Educare. Please join us.

December 3 and 4-tentative dates for HIPP Basic Training at Burr School.

December 10th All Day Human Rights Conference Honoring the 60th anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, New Haven, Pax Educare is a co-sponsor. Keynote by Rep. John Conyers

November 8-Jerusalem Women Speak, University of Hartford 7 PM

The University of Hartford Konover Center will be the site November 8 of a community forum hosted by Partners for Peace, a Washington DC based NGO which provides a platform for the **voices of Israeli and Palestinian women working for peace in their native land.**

"Partners for Peace --15th Jerusalem Women Speak Tour -- Three Women, Three Faiths, One Shared Vision" -- Suggested donation: \$10.00."

The roster of speakers is being developed and will include Dr. Julia Chaitin,

together with 2 Palestinian women. Dr. Chaitin has maintained a lifelong commitment to peace and social justice and she is an active member of several organizations, including the Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality, focused on equality for Arab-Bedouin citizens of Israel and Other Voice, a grassroots organization of residents from Sderot and the surrounding region that engages with Palestinians in the Gaza trip for a non-violent resolution of conflict and the attainment of peace. For more information on the tour and this event go to <http://www.partnersforpeace.org/JerusalemWomenSpeak15.html>. Addi-

tional speakers will include Palestinian women peacebuilders.

Pax Educare is a co-sponsor of this event.

November 7 at 6:30 at the Mark Twain Visitors Center the **World Affairs Council hosts the Second Annual Marilyn Albert Memorial Lecture, with Amal Elsans Alh'jooj, Director of the Arab-Jewish Center for Equality, Empowerment and Cooperation.** 351 Farmington Avenue in Hartford. Free. 241-6118. www.ctwac.org

**We welcome
visitors to the
Center. Come in a
have a cup of tea
and browse . Call
first to be sure
we are in.**

National Peace Academy Global Stakeholders Meeting in early March

Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH will be the site of a Global Stakeholders Summit for a National Peace Academy March 2-4, 2009. The vision is for an academy devoted to drawing forth the "essential peacebuilder in all of us while demonstrating principles of peace in everyday functioning". At this time, the infrastructure for the design of this future Academy is in process.

For further information, go to <http://www.nationalpeaceacademy.us:80/>

Mary Lee Morrison has joined the Advisory Board for the National Peace Academy and will be traveling to Cleveland in March for the summit. This project is an initiative of Peace Partners International www.peacepartintl.org/, the Biosophical Institute

www.biosophicalinstitute.org/ and Case Western University.

Elise Boulding is honorary chair of this initiative. A short biography of her life and work can be found on the Peace Partners International web site.

United States Institute of Peace

The United States Institute of Peace (logo at right) arose out of the campaign to establish a Peace Academy in the 1970s. Signed into law by President Reagan in 1984, its founding was a 5 year process, begun by President Jimmy Carter, who appointed a Commission on proposals to establish a national academy of peace and conflict. Elise Boulding was one of the commissioners.

USIP is a federally funded independent not for profit organization, whose mission is to help resolve and prevent violent international conflicts, promote post conflict stability, and increase conflict resolution capacity and intellectual capital. USIP offers consultation and workshops on developing peace studies programs, among their many projects. Program Officer David Smith has been collaborating with the Peace Studies initiative of the



Hartford Consortium on Higher Education, of which Pax Educare is a consultant. <http://www.usip.org/>

Items of Note

Due to our receiving generous funding this year for our HIPP work, we are seeking a **part-time coordinator** to help with scheduling trainings and maintaining our HIPP network of trainers and participants. The Coordinator will also assist in a collaborative research evaluative project with HIPP. If you are interested or know someone who may be, contact Mary Lee Morrison. We are particularly looking for a young adult with experience in urban settings. Ideal for a mature student.

We always enjoy hosting **student interns**, who provide valuable office

help and good congeniality. Interning offers first-hand experience in peace education and non profit administration.

Mary Lee Morrison and Ian Harris recently co-authored a chapter on **"Quakers and Peace Education"** for an upcoming volume on Spirituality, Religion and Education. Jing Lin and Jack Miller, eds.

Mary Lee recently joined the Advisory Council of the Connecticut Center for Nonviolence, a newly emerging not for profit located in Torrington, CT de-

voted to teaching and promoting Kingian nonviolence.

www.ctnonviolence.org/.

We are now **members of Community Works, Inc.** a statewide giving federation dedicated to achieving social change and promoting economic justice. *If your place of work is part of the Connecticut Employees' Campaign 2008 www.csec.ct.gov, you may designate your contribution to Pax Educare through Community Works of Connecticut, Inc.*

www.communityworksct.org



Welcome New Board Member Diana Desnoyers

We welcome Diana Desnoyers as our newest board member. Diana is currently working for Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) as the coordinator for recovery oriented employment services. She develops and implements training curricula. Diana has worked in grant-writing for non profits as well as developing life skills trainings.

She received her B.A. at 40 years of age from the School of International Training in Vermont, after working for many years as a crew member on a boat for Greenpeace. She has also lived among indigenous peoples in the Pacific Northwest. Diana, in her spare time (what spare time?) is a jewelry artist working out of Wesleyan Pottery. She lives in Cromwell.

Diana states she joined the board because "I am passionate about peace studies and I believe in nonviolence and in opportunities to make a difference in my local community in a subject in which I am interested". Welcome Diana.

Diana Desnoyers



Recent Pax Educare Events

The Hartford Consortium for Higher Education initiative on developing a cross-institutional peace studies major continues. Courses that would fall under a major or minor have been compiled, with the initial expectation being that the participants will be the University of Hartford, Saint Joseph College and Central Connecticut State University, building on CCSU's existing peace studies minor. Faculty from the various insti-

tutions engaged in dialoguing include Donn Weinholtz, Sharon Shepela, Jay Stewart, Helen Raisz, Mary-Jane Eisen, Carol Shaw Austad and Pax Educare director Mary Lee Morrison.

Pax Educare co-sponsored a **May 5 student led forum on the Iraq War** held at the University of Hartford, in tandem with a powerfully moving lawn sculpture developed by class members from Dr. Sharon Shepela's

courses in Cultures of Peace. *Each dowl of the exhibit represented 200 deaths in the Iraq War., 3020 dowls in all.*

Mary Lee Morrison attended the annual conference of the Peace and Justice Studies Association held at Portland State University in Oregon September 11-14. She presented workshops on the life and work of Elise Boulding, a founder of PJSA and there



Recent Events, Continued

read from her authored biography. Together with Professor Joseph De-Rivera of Clark University, she facilitated a roundtable on current issues around establishing a U.S. Department of Peace. For further information go to <http://www.thepeacealliance.org/>.

Board Member Alex Mikulich steps down.

We wish Alex all the best as he and his family have relocated to New Orleans, where Alex has taken a position as Research Fellow at the Jesuit Social Research Institute of Loyola Univer-

sity.

The Dialogues with Teacher Education and Liberal Arts Faculty on integrating peace education concepts into pre-service concluded with a morning and lunch conversation held at Saint Joseph College, under the sponsorship of the **Curriculum of Hope Committee** of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Thanks to all who attended and to Saint Joseph College for hosting. For information on this inter-institutional project, visit our web site Home Page link.

Pax Educare, Inc. received 3 grants this Fall to continue to develop HIPP trainings and HIPP networking (Help Increase the Peace). We are grateful to the Ensworth Charitable Trust, Bank of America, Trustee, to the Hartford Courant Foundation and to the Biospherical Institute (the latter 2 are new funders)

Peace education includes a basic understanding of human rights as well as of our responsibility to repair and sustain our planet earth

March 13th-Save the Date for Music for Change

The Music for Change series held at the University of Hartford www.musicforachange.com will sponsor a concert with folksinger Alice Peacock and the proceeds will benefit Pax Educare on Friday, March 13th 2009 at 7:30. www.alicepeacock.com

March 20-21-Community Institute on Peace Education (CIPE) will be held in Vermont hosted by Patty

Roeding, director of the Center for Cooperative Principles www.c-cp.org. CIPE's are based on the model developed by the International Institutes on Peace Education held in various countries each year. IPE was started by noted peace educator Betty Reardon and is now co-directed by Tony Jenkins and Janet Gerson. For more information on IPE and CIPE visit www.g-e-a.org/peace-ed/index.html.

CIPE's bring together local and regional peace educators in an intimate setting to share knowledge and practices in a community building experience.

New Funding for HIPP Trainings

We are now able to fund additional Help Increase the Peace trainings for youth. If your organization would like to host a training, please contact us.

New Resources in our Library

Thanks to Marilyn Traiger for the gift of Michael Klare's newest book, *Rising Powers, Shrinking Planet: the New Geopolitics of Energy*. "If you want to understand the future of international relations, worry less about ideology and more about oil reserves. Michael Klare's superb new book explains, in haunting detail, the trends that will lead us into a series of dangerous traps, unless we muster the will to transform the way we use energy in

this country. As illuminating as it is unsettling."—Bill McKibben, author *The Bill McKibben Reader*

Other new items of note: DVD entitled *The Orange Revolution* produced by Peter Ackerman and Steve York. The story of the 2004 nonviolent political revolution in Ukraine.

DVD of *Bringing Down a Dictator* narrated by Martin Sheen and produced by Steve York. More-come on in.



Peace Links and Etc.

<http://pawss.hampshire.edu/students/careers/index.html> **careers and internships 5 Colleges Program**
<http://www.conflicttransformation.org/Home/careeropportunities/tabid/62/Default.aspx> Alliance for Conflict Transformation-**jobs, careers, internships-one must subscribe-they can walk you through the process**

A New **Online Encyclopedia of Peace Education** is available at [http://](http://www.tc.edu/centers/epe/)

www.tc.edu/centers/epe/. Provides a comprehensive overview of scholarly developments in the field. Director Mary Lee Morrison has authored a chapter entitled **"Elise Boulding and Peace Education"**.

<http://www.ed.gov/adms/lead/safety/training/index.html>-good resources for reduction and managing conflicts in schools.

www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/docs/support/future-resource for educating for sustainable futures. For administrators, curriculum developers and teachers. Thanks to *Transitions editor*

Anita Wenden, Earth and Peace Education Associates, International.
www.globalepe.org .

http://nobelprize.org/80/educational_games/peace/nuclear_weapons/index.html-**online game-the Development and Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons-try and figure out how to stop this.**
 Thanks to Gretchen Upholt for submission.

Peace Education In Uganda

One of the things that is a gift in hosting visitors at the Center is the opportunity to learn more about the wonderful work done by members of our local community both here and abroad. Here we feature one such initiative, a project of Father Richard Okirio, a parish priest in West Hartford, who started this non profit peace education program in his native Uganda years ago. The Teso initiative

(TIP) for peace is a project of the Omani Community Development Initiative (OCOP) which is supported by the German Development Service. Highlights from the most recent newsletter include the important role of the churches in north-eastern Uganda in sponsoring workshops for youth in alternatives to violence, in reinforcing traditional methods of peacemaking, such as that of the Acholi tradition.

For a copy of the newsletter, contact Pax Educare.

Below-children playing "Agali-Agali" (Moving Train)



" Last week was honestly one of my favorite days in my seven year career at the club! I genuinely believe that the workshop has and will continue to deeply affect the youth and adults that participated for a long time. I am extremely thankful to Hank, Winnie, and you! The program was amazing!"
 Shannon Healy, Program Coordinator, Parkville Boys and Girls Club following a Basic workshop

June Student Benefit Concert



home of Karen and Phil Will. Thanks also to their coach, Emlyn Ngai, who provided the inspiration for this event.

Pictured at left is the Quartet: L to R: Sarah Cicchetti, Suzanne Lis, Michael Kan, Miguel Cutiongco, coach Emlyn Ngai

Many thanks to the talented students of the Hartt Honors String Quartet who lent their gifts of music for a benefit concert held in June at the

Rt-Host Karen Will with board members Ray Boucher, Carolann Boucher and Diana Desnoyers





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