

**Pax Educare, Inc., The CT Center for Peace Education E Newsletter,
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The mission of Pax Educare is to link families, educators and community practitioners to partnering opportunities and resources in order to help promote the processes and skills needed to build a more peaceful world

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**Viewing of *You Don't Have to Ride Jim Crow*
Wednesday, August 3, 2005 7 PM**

We will be viewing this New Hampshire PBS special, produced in the mid 1990s, at 7 PM. Join us for a pot luck supper at 6 beforehand. The film, given to Mary Lee Morrison by Juanita Nelson, widow of Wally Nelson (both of them appear in the film), features the 1947 "Original Freedom Ride" or Journey of Reconciliation with Wally, Bayard Rustin, George Hauser and others, predating the 1961 Freedom Ride and laying the groundwork for the Civil Rights movement. It is inspiring in its depiction of the reunion of the surviving riders and its messages of hope. Following is a quip from the web site for the film:

http://www.robinwashington.com/jimcrow/2_journey.html

In April 1947, the day before Jackie Robinson broke the color bar in major league baseball, eight white and eight black travelers prepared for a bus and train trip from Washington, D.C., to Louisville, Kentucky. With a strategy of whites sitting in the back seats, blacks in front and both side-by-side, they sought to force the Southern states to implement the Morgan decision. The two-week trip was highly dangerous and clearly not the norm for its time. Most African Americans lived in some sort of complacency with

segregation; most whites ignored or violently enforced it. Warned by Southern friends that they would be taking their lives into their hands if they attempted interracial travel through the Deep South, they limited their trip to the Upper South only. Even there, their safety was far from guaranteed.

An email or phone call that you will be coming will be appreciated.

Teacher Workshop July 13

Workshop sponsored by the Hochberg Holocaust and Human Rights Committee of the Temple B'nai Israel. For administrators and pre-K-12 teachers. Pax Educare, Inc. will be offering resources and consultation. 376 Hartford Turnpike. For details and to register visit the East Conn web site: www.eastconn.org.

Girls and Violence Forum October 21st

Pax Educare, Inc. and Hopeworks, Inc. <http://www.hopeworkscentral.org/> are convening a roundtable forum for concerned school professionals, parents, community members and clergy of religious organizations, students, physicians and agency practitioners on Friday, October 21st from 8:30 AM-12 noon at the Friends Meeting House, 144 South Quaker Lane in West Hartford. We will discuss and plan for community-wide changes that will address girls' strengths and needs in order to prevent future violence in West Hartford and its immediate environs. The event is free. Participation is by invitation. If you would like an invitation sent to you, please contact Mary Lee Morrison at Pax Educare.

The forum will be facilitated by and receive funding and support from both the Girls and Violence Task Force, a subgroup of the Governor's Prevention Partnership's Safe Schools and Communities Coalition, and the Connecticut Department of Public Health's Injury Prevention Program. Leigh Jones-Bamman of the GPP and Margie Hudson of the Department of Health are the lead facilitators. The event will be one of several occurring throughout the state in the next year in various communities. The meetings build upon the research report on Girls and Violence publicized in 2004 and upon a successful conference held in October 2004, both under the auspices of the Governor's Prevention Partnership. For more information and to access the report, go to www.preventionworksct.org.

Pax Educare Featured in Recent Peace and Justice Studies Association Newsletter

The Peace and Justice Studies Association's newsletter, *The Peace Chronicle*, recently featured excerpts from our newsletter with a description of our mission. PJSA is non-profit membership organization dedicated to providing leadership in the field of peace, conflict and justice studies. It unites scholars, professionals and activists to work together toward a just and peaceful world by promoting peace studies on college campuses, forging alliances and creating alternatives to structural injustices. For more information, visit their web site:

<http://www.peacejusticestudies.org/index.php>

Biography of Elise Boulding Now Available

Elise Boulding: a Life in the Cause of Peace (McFarland Publishers), authored by Mary Lee Morrison, is now in print. The preface is written by Mary Catherine Bateson. Here is a description from the publisher:

Elise Boulding has been among the most influential of social reformers to advocate the integration of peace studies and women's studies. Her ideas inspired a number of works addressing the role of the family in producing social change and discussing women's unique capacity for promoting peace through nurturing and networking. Boulding's additional ideas on transnational networks and their relationship to global understanding are considered seminal contributions to modern peace studies and have earned her the title of "matriarch" of the 20th century peace movement.

This biography is divided into three parts. The first and third deal chronologically with the life of Elise Boulding, beginning with her childhood experiences as a Scandinavian immigrant. The 1940 Nazi invasion of Norway significantly influenced her concepts of pacifism and Quaker spiritualism, laying the foundation for her future work as a leader in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and her dynamic professional partnership with and marriage to the internationally known Quaker economist and poet Kenneth Boulding. Part Two expounds upon Boulding's philosophy of education, her role as a member of the Religious Society of Friends, her espousal of the conceptual evolution of cultures of peace, and her theoretical work in women's studies and peace research. In recognition of these achievements, Boulding has been the recipient of over 19 awards and was a 1990 nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize.

For information on ordering, contact Mary Lee or visit

<http://www.mcfarlandpub.com/book-2.php?isbn=0-7864-2055-3>. Copies may be bought directly from Mary Lee. Price is \$35.

Culture of Peace Report-Hopeful News From Around the World

David Adams, Pax Educare Advisory Board member and the first director of the UNESCO Year for the Culture of Peace, has put together a mid decade report for the Decade for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World (2001-2010). David solicited information from 700 organizations and institutions from all over the world. His summation of the report includes the following:

The conclusion of the report is simple. The culture of peace is advancing, according to most of the almost 700 organizations from around the world, despite neglect by the mass media and, to a great extent, by the United Nations. Therefore, it is up to all of us in the coming years to turn this around so that actions for a culture of peace are treated as more newsworthy than the news of violence.

A click on this link will lead you to the report. You can then click on a country or particular topic of the report for further information.

<http://decade-culture-of-peace.org/>

Peace Studies Comes to the University of Hartford

The University of Hartford is organizing an inter-disciplinary peace studies curriculum. Following is an excerpt about it, written in a university news bulletin in late May.

A small group of faculty and students is working to promote "peace studies" at the University of Hartford. The effort began as a result of a student project for PSY 380, "The Psychology of Courageous Behavior," taught by Hillyer College Professor of Psychology **Sharon Shepela**. **Johanna B. Conant**, a former adjunct faculty member who is auditing PSY 380, brought up the idea of "peace studies" after she heard Georgetown University law professor Colman McCarthy speak about the importance of balancing courses that teach war with courses that teach peace. A "Teach Peace" project team was formed with Shepela as advisor. The team includes Conant as well as undergraduate students **Alyssa Schultz**, **Fran Platner**, and **David Calzone**. When the "Teach Peace" project was introduced at two recent meetings of the Campus Alliance for Progressive Politics and Action (CAPPA), CAPPA members encouraged the project team to move forward with the peace studies initiative.

For more information on the program, contact Johanna Conant at conant@hartford.edu or Sharon Shepela at shepela@hartford.edu .

This project adds to the number of local institutions engaging in peace studies. Central Connecticut's program is active. Saint Joseph's, begun years ago, is in the early stages of a possible revival. There are also K-12 schools in the area promoting the study of peace and justice. If you know of a project or activity in your community, please let us know so that we can publicize it.

The New England Peace Studies Association (NEPSA) is Alive and Well

NEPSA is an affiliation of teachers, students, activists, researchers involved in and dedicated to peace, conflict and nonviolence. Meetings are generally held every few months at the Peace Abbey in Sherborne, MA www.peaceabbey.org . Mary Lee is an auxiliary board member (assistant secretary). NEPSA sponsors forums and distributes resources. The organization cooperates with the Peace and Justice Studies Association <http://www.peacejusticestudies.org/index.php>, the International Peace Resesarch Association www.human.mie-u.ac.jp/~peace/index.htm and other regional, national and international organizations. New members are always welcome. NEPSA members are working on a regional conference for 2006. For more information on NEPSA, contact Mary Lee. A new web site for NEPSA is in the works. The next meeting will be held **September 10, 2005**. If you wish to carpool, let Mary Lee know.

A Man and A Dog Walk for Peace-A Journey of Hope and Inspiration

Following is an article, written by Mary Lee and posted on the web site of the Culture of Peace News Network www.cpn-usa.org, a site run by David Adams, Pax Educare Advisory Board member.

Early in May I, along with several friends ranging in age from 4 to 50, had the privilege of walking a few miles in Connecticut, my home state, with Jack Sibbald and his dog, Birch. Jack and Birch began their journey at Ground Zero in New York City on the second anniversary of the Iraq invasion in March of 2005, commencing a journey by foot to California. Their aim is to end their walk at Deer Park, the monastery established by Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh, in Escondido. En route the pair is linking with individuals and groups who work for peace and chatting with passer-bys as they meander the highways and byways. They rely on word of mouth for hosting and for donations of food.

Jack told me that his motivation for this walk for peace came in part from an epiphany he had just after the attacks on September 11, 2001. He realized that he was called to do something positive for peace, to spread a message of solidarity to counter-act the despair and the fear and anger he so often has seen, even among those who work for peace. He is eschewing the use of fossil fuels and spreading a message of the importance of the preservation of our planet.

Spending time with Jack and Birch, I felt joined with them in solidarity and in the short time we spent together, I felt rejuvenated with the hope that individuals can make a difference in building a more peaceful world. The pair has no real agenda, they carry everything they need on their back, and their only plan is to end up in California, perhaps in two years. In fact, in our portion of the walk we were walking east, not west, as Jack had felt called to visit a peace and activist center in eastern Connecticut!

Jack says that Birch is the real leader in this journey, that the dog is the one who takes the lead in bringing people to him. Children especially love Birch.. Jack carries a banner on his backpack that reads "We Are All in This Together".

For more information on the pair and their walk, visit www.peacefulsteps.com Have readers ever spent time with someone whose life and work inspire hope and the motivation to work for peace?

Ideas Needed for Celebrating International Peace Day September 21st

Do you have a good idea for how to celebrate this event with Pax Educare and friends? For more information on the day, go to <http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org/>. We are thinking of possibly a pot luck supper, talk or film viewing and/or discussion. Ideas are welcome. Here is one exciting project on peace and the arts in celebration of the day. <http://www.richardkamler.org/seeingpeace/>
Contact us with your ideas.

Hope Out Loud Peace Festival Sunday, September 11, 2005 in Bushnell Park

Pax Educare is a co-sponsor of this event, lead sponsor being the CT Coalition for Peace and Justice (CCPJ). Music, celebration, speeches and fun. For more information or to reserve a table, contact AFSC (The American Friends Service Committee) at 523-1534.

**Peace Link:
30 Hour Training in Conflict Resolution for Educators
Offered by Creative Response to Conflict, Nyack, New York
July 16-17 and 23-24.**

Basics in conflict resolution theory and techniques offered. Focus is on CRC's main themes of cooperation, communication, affirmation, conflict resolution, bias awareness, bullying prevention and mediation. Learn about the many resources available and how to integrate the themes into teaching. For more information phone 845-353-1796, email ccrcnyack@aol.com Fee of \$375 includes meals and housing. Scholarships available. Mary Lee received her first training here in the early 90s, setting her on a path toward her activities today. Trainings are comprehensive, informative and fun.

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Contributions to Pax Educare continue to come in. We are grateful to all who have contributed. Thanks also to those who have volunteered their time and talent to help us in other ways, including helping with mailings, and to those who have contributed to our library holdings. A complete listing of thanks will come out in our Fall newsletter.