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PEACEMAKER AWARD



Lois E. Passi

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CARE Announcements

On July 14, the Center for Nonviolent Living presented Lois Passi with one of its two sixth annual peacemaker awards. The awards are given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the causes of peace, justice, tolerance, and environmental protection in local communities.

Lois served in an essential leadership position as co-chair and chair of CARE. She was the driving force behind the development of the Milton Area Homework Club, which offers tutoring to students in the Milton Area School District, in conjunction with the YMCA and the district.

She also has worked to dispel myths about gays and helped develop task forces on African-American and Latino concerns.

We congratulate Lois and extend our thanks for her efforts in our community in the name of CARE.

Greetings Everyone:

Many of you have asked what the status of CARE is since Lois Passi has left. While we will sorely miss her extraordinary tenure as Co-Chair, we wish her well. We truly have lost a valuable resource in Lois. However, we do have some good news to share. We are delighted and excited to announce several additions to the steering committee.

Please join me in welcoming the following new members:

David Ambrose
Caroll Blank
Freddi Carlip, (returner)
Ruth Cohen
Tara Dukor Jackson
Ann Longanbach (returner)
Helen Nunn
Mark O'Brien
Pat Parker
Chris Sabas
Val Foster

Many of you have also asked who will now take on the roll of being the face of CARE? In thinking about the answer to that question, we look to the description of our organization for the answer. Community Alliance for Respect & Equality is a community of citizenry that makes up the face of CARE. Each and every one of us who takes part in this dream must stand up when the need arises. To combat burnout and fatigue, we have decided to try a new model of dividing up some of the perennial duties of CARE. What follows is a breakdown of current committee assignments. The committees are works in progress and as you can see, we still have some areas for people to be involved. While in most cases there is a chair or co-chair listed, please do not think we do not need assistance.



HISTORY ALIVE!

The Union County Historical Society is holding tours every Sunday, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Dale/Engel/Walker House. From the UCHS's website, the following statement indicates the foci of the tour: "The 1793 house features architecture, area slavery and the underground railroad both associated with the house, the immigrant experience, and has three interactive stations that are part of one's experience."

Further tour information:

"The limestone farm house, on a 137-acre active farm, is at the site of the Dale's Ridge Trail off Rte 192. From Rte 15 take Rte 192 west 1.7 miles to Strawbridge Rd and turn right onto it, traveling 1.5 miles, turning left into the farm lane beside the trail parking lot. Tours are about an hour, with the last tour starting at 3:30."

Phone contact:

- African American Task Force: Babbette Faison, Chair
- Arts Festival & 4th of July parade: Cynthia Peltier, Chair
- Directory Team: Chris Sabas, & Ruth Cohen, Co-Chairs
- Education/Outreach:
- Grantwriting: Tara Dukor Jackson & David Deibler-Gorman, Co-Chairs
- Latino Task Force: Margie Torres, Chair
- LGBT Concerns:
- Newsletter Team: Mimi Rice & Cynthia Peltier, Co-Chairs
- Publicity/Website: Cynthia Peltier, Chair
- Clergy Roundtable: Rev. Paula Gustafson, Chair
- Secretaries: Ruth Cohen & Iris Rifkin-Gainer
- Treasurer: David Deibler-Gorman
- Unity Rally: David Deibler-Gorman & Freddi Carlip, Co-Chairs

Please let me know if you have an interest in any of the committees, or if you have further questions about CARE. I can be reached at 523-7961 in the evening and 577-3981 during the day.

And finally, the meetings are scheduled for the second Sunday of the month. We meet at 4 pm. at the Donald Heiter Center located on North 5th Street in Lewisburg. Our meetings are open to all so please join us.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the current board members:
David Deibler-Gorman, Mimi Rice, Iris Rifkin-Gainer, Doug Sturm and Margie Torres

Cynthia Peltier

What's Happening – Upcoming Events

August 7, 2008

Hiroshima Day Memorial will take place.

Starting at 6:45 pm in Soldiers Park (for those who wish to be in the procession) and at 7:00 pm at Hufnagle Park for the memorial program.

Guest speaker: Steve Jacobson, a guest musician, Doug McMinn, and several volunteers to read survivor witness statements.

August 14 – September 14, 2008

Brad Holland Exhibit

Penn College Art Gallery, Penn College of Technology

Known for his revolutionary style and political commentary, Mr. Holland became recognized in the print industry in the 1970s.

He will give a Gallery talk on 8/26/08 from 5:30-6:00PM. There will be a reception in the College Art Gallery on that same date from 4:30-6:30PM.

August 25 – October 8, 2008

Yoko Ono Imagine Peace, Featuring John & Yoko's Year of Peace

Samek Art Gallery, Bucknell University

Third floor of the Elaine Langone Center

Lewisburg

August 29th

5 pm. - Gallery Theatre

Third floor of the Elaine Langone Center

Bucknell University

Lecture by Kevin Concannon, entitled *Yoko Ono: Imagining Peace: 1966 – 2008*

Reception to follow in the Samek Art Gallery



September 8, 2008
Unity Jam: Stop the Hate Rally
7 pm - Hufnagle Park
Featured speaker: Quay Hanna

September 13, 2008
AIDS Walk
Meet by KLARC U- (grassy area in front of gym.)
Bucknell University
8am registration
9 am walk begins

September 16, 2008
Singer/songwriter Lucie Blue Tremblay
7:30 pm. – Bucknell Hall
Bucknell University

September 29, 2008
7:30PM - Location and lecture topic TBA
Lycoming College Campus

Dr. Elijah Anderson, the William K. Lanman, Jr. Professor of Sociology at Yale University will present a lecture. Dr. Anderson is a nationally known expert on urban inequality and the author of various publications, including 2008's *Against The Wall: Poor, Young, Black and Male*. Penn Press.

October 19, 2008
7 pm – Campus Theatre
Lewisburg
Documentary Film Festival:
The Bible Tells Me So
Speaker: Director/Producer: Daniel Karlake

October 23, 2008
A Massacre Foretold Documentary Screening
7pm - Rooke Chemistry Building Room 116.
Bucknell University

October 28, 2008
7pm - Trout Auditorium
Bucknell University
A Massacre Foretold Series
Speaker- Denise Griebler, Board Member of SiPaz- -

January 20, 2009
6pm - Terrace Room
Bucknell University
Martin Luther King Jr *Beloved Dinner*
Keynote speaker: Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall

CONVERSATION ON HUMAN SEXUALITY WILLIAMSPORT, SEPT. 6

“A Conversation of Human Sexuality” will be held in Williamsport on Saturday, September 6 with an invitation only session in the morning, and a session open to the public during the afternoon.

Primary leaders for the two part conversations are Dr. Anthony Campolo, Peggy Campolo, and Dr. David Scasta. Campolo, a retired professor of sociology, is better known as founder of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education He is a major proponent for progressive thought and reform among evangelical Christians. He, with his wife, Peggy, lecture throughout the nation in support of their cause.



Scasta is past president of the Association of Gay & Lesbian Psychiatrists, while teaching at Temple University. He has keen interest in religious aspects of sexual behavior.

These three leaders will be complemented with representatives of seven religious traditions, Christian and Jewish, in conducting the conversations.

During the morning, from 930 until 1130 am, an invitational, continuing education event will be held for professionals in the area who have strategic relationships with and provide services for lesbians and gays. Professionals invited will include doctors, nurses, pastors, chaplains, lawyers, social workers, high school administrators, guidance counselors. This session will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 426 Mulberry Street, in Williamsport.

The afternoon session, from 100 until 300 pm, a forum, open to the public without charge will be held on the topic, "Created in God's Image: A Conversation on Human Sexuality" at Lycoming College, Heim Hall, Room D001, in Williamsport.

A more extensive article about this event will appear in the Williamsport Guardian during August. For additional information, you may contact Serena Fujita <sfujita@bucknell.edu>, Jewish chaplain at Bucknell University, a member of the clergy group engaged in planning the all-day "conversations."

From the desk of Doug Sturm...

Sunbury Daily Item's conversion

Not many years ago, the comic strip, "For Better or For Worse," dealt with the anguish experienced by a gay teenager in the school system. The Daily Item squelched that series of episodes, although copies were available to those who requested. About the same time, the then president of the newspaper published a special column that included snide remarks about homosexuality. CARE members protested. Subsequent conversation led to a welcome change of heart.

Against that background, how refreshing it was to read the editorial, "Homosexual marriage should be addressed nationally" in the June 23rd edition. Referring to action in Massachusetts (2004) and now in California

(2008) urged the US Supreme Court to find occasion to declare the legitimacy of homosexual marriage across the entire nation. The concluding words of the editorial:

"The fabric of American society is interwoven by threads of people of different faiths, skin colors, and, yes, sexual orientations. Our nation's garments have long been stained by unfair treatment for minorities. Greater tolerance is cleansing."

So, what's to be done in the Central Susquehanna Valley to advance the cause? Bring your thoughts and dreams to a CARE steering committee meeting!

Racial Inequality and the Promise of America

The Nation released a special issue (June 30) on "The New Inequality," including a range of brief but hard hitting articles on deepening divisions within the United States. One of the pieces, by Dedrick Muhammad, focuses on "Race and Extreme Inequality."

Its open words: "The current presidential campaign has sparked a lot of conversation about race, but it has primarily been at the symbolic and interpersonal level. It has failed to probe the underlying substance of racial economic disparities and the slow rate of progress toward equity in wealth and wages."



“Invisibility blues” of this sort in rural Pennsylvania? Anyone with stories to share?

Please let us hear from you!

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Among statistics cited:

“The black homeownership rate...sits at 47% & the Latino rate at 49.7%, compared with 75% for whites.”

“African-American families in the US have a median net worth of \$20,600, only 14.6% of the \$140,700 median white net worth. The median net worth for Latino families is \$18,600, only 13.2% of median white worth.”

During the present “subprime mortgage meltdown, “Latinos will lose between \$75 billion and \$98 billion in home-value wealth from subprime loans. Blacks will lose between \$71 billion and \$92 billion.”

Referring to a number of wealth-building programs that might benefit people of color, Muhammad concludes, “We could afford them—but only if we stop investing America’s resources in the wealthiest people, leaving the rest of Americans to survive on the trickle.”

What’s the circumstance here in our region along this line? Are there specific ways CARE might address the “new inequality” within this context?

The “Invisibility Blues” of Black Women in America

That’s the provocative title of one of the essays in the National Urban League’s 2008 annual report on the State of Black America, concentrated this year on the theme, “In the Black Woman’s Voice.”

Meditate on the following paragraph from Maudine R. Cooper’s essay under that title:

“It takes a tremendous amount of energy for poor black women to deal with the dynamics of race, gender, and class. There is no social safety net for the invisible black woman who often struggles alone with children abandoned by the males who fathered them. These women are left with little or no income and bureaucratic tape that wraps around them until they smother. When they seek help, they are ignored; seen as lazy, worthless or crazy. The system...put in place to help...does its best to humiliate them, despising their situation and pinching off only a portion of what they need to survive in a decent fashion. Working class and poor black women only become highly visible when they encounter domestic violence, sexual promiscuity, strained family relations and other personal difficulties in part because of their race and economic class.”