

Peace Center Report

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FROM ELEA'S DESK: MEET OUR ANNUAL DINNER SPEAKER

Join us in welcoming Dr. Sandra Steingraber for a presentation on "Oil & Food" at the Peace Center's Annual Dinner - Saturday, November 1, 2008, 6pm-9pm at the Buffalo/Niagara Convention Center.

Ecologist, author, and cancer survivor, Sandra Steingraber, Ph.D. is an internationally recognized expert on the environmental links to cancer and reproductive health. She is the author of *Post-Diagnosis* and coauthor of a book on ecology and human rights in Africa, *The Spoils of Famine*. Steingraber's highly acclaimed book, *Living Downstream: An Ecologist Looks at Cancer and the Environment* presents cancer as a human rights issue.



In 1997, Steingraber was named the *Ms. Magazine* Woman of the Year. In 1998, she received the first annual Altman Award and the Will Solimine Award for "excellence in medical communication." In 1999, the Sierra Club and Chatham College heralded her work. Steingraber's newest work, *Having Faith: An Ecologist's Journey to Motherhood*, was featured on "Kids and Chemicals," a PBS documentary by Bill Moyers. She is recognized for her ability to serve as a two-way translator between scientists and activists. In 1999, as part of international treaty negotiations, she briefed U.N. delegates in Geneva, Switzerland on dioxin contamination of breast milk.

The Annual Dinner is the Peace Center's biggest fundraising effort of the year – this event funds many of our projects – so lets make it a success! We are seeking donations for the 2nd Annual Silent Auction and 1st Annual Basket Raffle. We also have space available for organizational displays and vendors. Ticket and table sales, along with ad sales, will begin in late August. A night filled with food, conversation and an inspiring keynote is one worth attending, see you there!

VOTER ENGAGEMENT: WHAT YOU CAN DO TO INFLUENCE THE DIRECTION CONGRESS TAKES ON IRAQ AND OTHER ISSUES

The 26th District is an open seat this November. There are three Democrats running: Jon Powers, Jack Davis, and Alice Kryzan, with a primary on September 9th. There is only one Republican in the race, Chris Lee, so there will be no primary.

The WNY Peace Center is conducting a non-partisan Voter Engagement campaign in the district, and we are hoping to get a candidate into office who will commit to voting for the following: ending the war in Iraq, peacefully engaging with Iran, preventing global warming, making fair trade in Latin America truly fair, reducing poverty through increasing funding for social programs, supporting immigrant rights, GLBT rights, and a free Palestinian state. Clearly, this is a long list, and there is no perfect candidate.

So what can you do to get a candidate into the 26th District who—first and foremost—will vote to end the war in Iraq? Our non-partisan campaign involves many different tactics you may be interested in: 1-1 voter engagement, canvassing, bird-dogging candidates & registering voters. If you don't have much time to volunteer but live in the 26th district, we encourage you to talk to your friends about the issues that matter most to you in this campaign, and you can tell them about the Peace Center at the same time.

If you'd like to get involved in our campaign, contact Irene at irene@wnypeace.org or 716-894-2013. The 2006 election in this district was a very close race, and together we can get someone in the seat that shares our values and will vote accordingly!

-Irene Morrison

PEACE ACTION TASKFORCE

Reflections on the July 21st McSame protest

As some pondered the futility of protesting McCain's positions on war during our Monday protest, we feel that it is necessary to make our intentions clear. Our intent was not to change McCain's mind—it was in part to show him how we felt and to make sure he knows that we are out there and willing to be loud. But more importantly, it was to **send the message to voters that McCain's positions on staying in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as potentially attacking Iran, are immoral and unjust, and would perpetuate Bush's policies.**

Peace isn't partisan. If Obama came to town, we would greet him as protestors just as we did with McCain, especially due to Obama's unfortunate position on escalating the war in Afghanistan. We were also there to protest the financial drain on Buffalo caused by McCain, which would also be the case if Obama came to town. Over \$1.3 million dollars left Buffalo with McCain, money that could have been donated to local charities instead of a political campaign skirting finance reform policies through PACs (a problem endemic to the political system).

We should be proud of ourselves—at least 150 people attended, and we moved in unison to prevent the police from trying to remove us from public property. We know McCain saw us, but more importantly, the people saw us on the streets and in the media coverage, and we *will* build on the success of this protest.



Irene Morrison being interviewed after placing a “No War, No McSame!” Banner on a 198 overpass with Sue Phibbs from Code Pink Buffalo.

**The WNY Peace Center's
Peace Action Taskforce
& The Coalition for
Economic Justice
Present:
A Force More Powerful
Part II: Justice Through
Labor Movements
Free to the public
Tuesday August 26th 7-
9pm
@ Hallwalls
341 Delaware Ave.**

Mothers Clubs of Tanzania

Peace Center member Kathy Mang-Haag will be taking her 4th trip to Tanzania this Fall to work in her micro-lending program in the Mt. Kilimanjaro region, which assists poor women in starting small businesses for family sustainability. To date, the women have paid back the loans with interest at 100%. The money goes back into a savings account, so they can borrow again.

This year is unique - Kathy will be staying a whole year, working and living with the women. In addition, an interlocking brick manufacturing business has been started by the women and the bricks made will be bought by an individual fundraiser effort to build a Women's Center, which will be run by the women for them and the community. A variety of training courses, such as literacy and entrepreneur classes, will eventually be offered there. For more information or to donate, contact Kathy at imatreehuggertwo@hotmail.com.

Canisius Invites Iraqi Student for Four Years

There are over 4 million Iraqi refugees worldwide as a result of the US lead war on Iraq. To date, the US has sponsored visas to less than 0.005% of them. This fall Canisius College is sponsoring a student from Iraq, tuition included, to attend college and live in Buffalo for the next 4 years. If you would like to learn more or assist with his living needs email Bill Marx at paxchristiwny@aol.com.

World On Your Plate brings Derrick Jensen to the table: Saturday, October 11

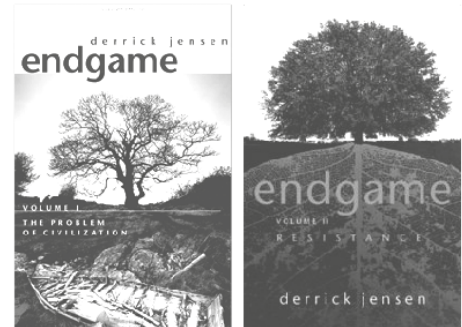


The World On Your Plate Coalition (WOYP) is hosting its 5th Annual Food Forum at Daemen College October 10 and 11. The 2nd Annual Youth Conference - Eat Up, will run concurrently on Saturday. This year, WOYP is partnered with Good People Gather (GPG) from Erie, Pennsylvania, making it the first Regional Gathering of its kind.

WOYP is a place for all people to be welcomed into discussion about restoring the earth, advancing education and action on food safety, security and sovereignty, and to promote sustainability for farmers, farm workers, and consumers alike. It will feature workshops on a wide range of issues: organic farming, health, immigration, gardening, fair trade, food politics, peace and justice, spirituality and more!

This year's Keynote Speaker, Derrick Jensen, is an environmentalist, teacher, farmer, activist and acclaimed author. He has spoken widely about how we need to have a respectful relationship with the earth and its animals, and not take this relationship for granted. One way we can achieve this is by ensuring that the food we consume does not become extinct by our own hands.

His presentation is based on his books *Endgame I & II*, which are about the crucial need to develop strategies to stop the current systems that perpetuate violence and destruction, leaving records of endangered, extinct and poisoned species worldwide. He will share insights on stopping the earth's destruction, restoring the environment and living sustainability. To learn more visit <http://derrickjensen.org>.



Workshops and tables will also offer people the opportunity to meet, network and build strategies for further education and action on these issues. A mailing with additional details and information on registration and sponsorship for WOYP will go shortly. To learn more or get involved visit <http://worldonyourplate.org>.

Fair Trade: Two Women, Two Looks

She sits with her four children at the migrant help station in Nogales, Mexico. The youngest boy thinks he is on an adventure; the older sister somehow registers the gravity of the situation. The mother, trying to control her emotions, is looking at some place infinitely far off, perhaps Tucson where her husband still walks the streets, not knowing their car was stopped that afternoon by immigration.

That look takes me back a month and a half to a small Tzotzil Mayan village in the highlands of Chiapas, Mexico's poorest state. Maria is trying to tell me about her son Alfredo who left for El Norte and hasn't been heard from. She sits on a box by an open fire on the dirt floor of her home wearing the beautiful huipil she wove as her mother taught her. "He no longer wants to nourish himself like we do...That's why he left."

Her look too is far away and she does not hold back the tears. Perhaps she is looking for that far off North, or perhaps she sees the broken dream of their life together with their youngest son.

That's how they explain it. They don't talk about how free trade neo-liberalism mandated the withdrawal of support for small coffee growers and destroyed the market - or how the government has opened the doors wide to U.S. subsidized corn. Nor that these actions have made it next to impossible for their sons and daughters to survive there. They don't say this, but many know it. And they resist, living in autonomous communities, forming cooperatives, trying hard to hold the faith that having risen up can still make a difference.

The distant looks of these two women converge.

To hear more from Bill Jungles about the impact of Free Trade attend the WOYP Food Forum, Saturday, Oct 11

- Bill Jungles

Activism in support of Cuba: June and July 2008

The Latin American Solidarity Committee had a full month of activities challenging the US policy with Cuba. In June/July 2008 14 different Pastors for Peace Caravan routes to Cuba were on the road visiting more than 120 US and Canadian cities. They traveled in school buses, trucks, and cars to Cuba via Mexico with medical and educational supplies collected from groups across the US and Canada as a collective challenge to the inhumane and immoral US blockade and travel ban. Five of the buses were named in honor of the *Five Cuban patriots* who are unjustly incarcerated in US jails.

On **June 18** LASC provided a meeting point for Syracuse and Ithaca area caravanistas to join the mini school bus for their route, and to pick up Buffalo's Cliff Cawthon. This is Cliff's second year going on the Friendshipment and he was selected to be route "captain". He also maintained an excellent blog with photos of his experiences. <http://19thcubacaravan.blogspot.com/>. What treat! Seventeen of us had lunch together and shared common experiences of our work with Central America. Rev. Thomas Smith, President on the board of IFCO/Pastors for Peace shared his special insights regarding this 19th US-Cuba Friendshipment.

On Saturday **June 21st** we had a fundraiser BBQ. Bill Nowak of the Five to One with 3 other musicians; Michele Nanni, Bill Kita, and Brigitte Hayhurst entertained us at this well attended event. Food was plentiful, too with Frank Insera again demonstrating his expertise on the grill.

Contributions to Pastors for Peace far exceeded our expectations. We were able to make a dearly needed extra contribution beyond just covering expenses.

Sadly, Mary Johnson Walker passed away Thursday evening June 12th, after a long illness. She was the wife of Executive Director and founder of IFCO, Rev. Lucius Walker.

Next, the Venceremos Brigade, a group that sponsors work expeditions to Cuba in defiance of the travel ban for Americans came back to the US via the Peace Bridge Monday **July 14th**. LASC and IAC provided a welcoming picnic/lunch at Front Park. The Canadian Cuban Friendship group had a rally at Mathar Arch Park in Ft Erie at 7:30 am. Among other dignitaries, Peter Kormos, MPP spoke. The VB was supposed to cross around 9 am but US customs caused delays. Thanks go to Chris Barbera who spent all morning at the grill. We had food ready but they all didn't cross until around noon and their bus was to leave at 1 pm. Even so, the day was great with the enthusiasm of all of these young people as well as a few oldsters. The VB is a highly dedicated group who may face government sanctions and perhaps fines. Our friends from the Niagara Canadian Cuban Friendship Group commented, "This year, I seem to smell something different in the air. Perhaps a change in administration, although not a panacea, may help in the overall mission? Let us hope."

Caravanistas are already planning for next year's 20th Friendshipment Caravan to Cuba, which is expected to have broad participation, including a large youth contingent to participate in next year's US/Cuba 'Hip Hop Exchange.'

More information about the caravan and photo images is available at www.pastorsforpeace.org
Other informative web sites: www.freethetive.org, www.ifconews.org, <http://19thcubacaravan.blogspot.com/>



Cliff Cawthon, Buffalo's Pastors for Peace Caravanista, on his way to Cuba.

-Maxine Insera

The Latin American Solidarity Committee's September Coffeehouse

From THE COLUMBIA SISTER COMMUNITY: The Nuts & Bolts of Solidarity

Ann Tiffany and Rae Kramer of Central NY Columbia Solidarity Network will report on the grassroots efforts to link North and South America

**7 PM Monday, Sept. 15, 2008 at
The Network of Religious Communities
1272 Delaware Ave. (Entrance and Parking in rear)**



Did You Know... Suggested Links and Further Reading

- Much of the Mereda Initiative (emergency spending aid to Mexico, Central America, Haiti, and Dominican Republic) is for training Mexican Military (40 billion) that has already been linked to human rights abuses. More info: www.lawg.org
- Interested in being part of a delegation to Bolivia on Nov. 11-21? Contact: Ken Crowley, ken@witnessforpeace.org or 202.547.6112
- According to Witness for Peace, since the signing of NAFTA (1994) there has been an increase of 6000% in corn products exported to Mexico, having a devastating impact on the Mexican corn economy. (Spring, 2008) www.witnessforpeace.org
- The Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti took to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in Costa Rica the case of the Roboteau Massacre victims. The court awarded \$430,000 to the victims' families. See the website: www.ijdh.org.
- President Morales, of Bolivia, has handed over 38 land titles to the Guarani Native People, according to the "Christian Science Monitor." More info: www.csmonitor.com
- SUGGESTED READING: *Bush vs. Chavez: Washington's War on Venezuela*, by Eva Golinger.
- Drug cartels and organized crime have moved into Guatemala and raised havoc on that country's environment. "Toronto Star", 7/14/08. More info: www.thestar.com
- Is your youth group interested in receiving information on how to be involved in the delivery of humanitarian aid to other countries? Call Cliff Cawthon, 430-0922 or e-mail: peaceseer@adelphia.net

-Wayne Alt

PEACEFUL CONFLICT RESOLUTION

A Return to Freedom Schools: Camp Peaceprints, July 21st– August 1st

In the summer of 1964, more than forty “Freedom Schools” opened in Mississippi. These schools were part of *Freedom Summer*, an effort of the Civil Rights Movement to give citizens organizing tools to confront Jim Crow and gross inequality. Freedom Schools recognized that social change requires active participation from all of us and children need training and exposure to grow into agents of social change. These youth were exposed to a curriculum of activism, where they learned about social injustice and developed organizing tools. Students and youth were essential in the struggle for Civil Rights and Freedom Schools were a model for empowering youth to take on leadership for social justice and equality.

Western New York is embracing this legacy with the 1st Annual **Camp Peaceprints**. The SSJ Sr. Karen Klimczak Center for Non-Violence and the WNY Peace Center are teaming up with local activists, educators, and community organizers to provide this camp to children ages 8-12, with older youth participating as Youth Assistants. The two-week long day-camp uses the arts, history and field trips to local sites to introduce participants to a wide range of topics. The first week they will explore Freedom Movements: the Indian Peace Movement; the Underground Railroad; the Civil Rights Movement; Japan and the Non-Proliferation Movement; the Indigenous People’s Rights Movement and more. The second week will focus on Community Building and Change by looking at subjects like our own communities, the global community, the environment and our strengths, challenges and possibilities for change.

Donations have generously facilitated some provision of scholarships and a sliding scale for participants. However, of the 16 participants, only 2 could pay full price. **Please contribute today and support Alternative Peace Education for under-privileged youth in Buffalo.** For more information or to meet the student you sponsored call the Peace Center 716.894.2013.

Peace Yearnings 2008: Peace March diverse and hopeful

Held on May 24, 2008, the Children’s Peace March gave attendees hope and joy. The event was organized to empower children and youth. We hoped to give them a platform to express their vision of peace, while taking a pledge of nonviolence, and beginning their lives as activists. The participants played, laughed, marched and sang together with an understanding and commitment to peace that inspired the adults.



Core groups included children and youth from the Haudenosawnee (Seneca and Tuskarora), Islamic Communities, Buffalo Urban League’s Foster Care Program, Concerned Ecumenical Ministries’ STAR program, Babcock St. Boys and Girls Club, Nardin Academy, the Northwest Buffalo Community Center, and the Crusaders Drill Team. The more than 150 gathered, made this one of the most international and diverse crowds downtown Buffalo has seen! This was made possible in part through the support of the Presbyterian Peace Foundation.

The children and youth presented everything from the Ten Commandments of Peace, to poems, drawings, paintings, banners, chanting and song. Hopefully they also received inspiration themselves – from each other as well as from the adults there to support and encourage them. We are thankful for the Leaders of the Future and the commitment to nonviolence they made that day.

Peace Yearnings 2008, of which the Children’s Peace March was a part, is a series of events resulting from the collaboration of the Interfaith Peace Network, Indigenous Women’s Initiative, Pax Christi, SSJ Sr. Karen Klimczak Center for Non-Violence, Stop The Violence Coalition and the WNY Peace Center. Watch for news of the teach-in currently in the planning stages. It promises to be another memorable occasion.

-Victoria Ross

The Israel-Palestine Taskforce welcomes the parents of Rachel Corrie to Buffalo



The Is/Pal Taskforce is delighted to announce that the parents of Rachel Corrie will be in Buffalo on September 23rd for a round of events. Rachel Corrie was a young American peace activist who was killed on March 16, 2003, by an Israeli soldier driving a CAT bulldozer as she stood in front of a Palestinian home in order to protect it from demolition. To date, the Israeli government has demolished 18,000 Palestinian homes.

During their stay in Buffalo, Cindy and Craig Corrie will meet with the local press, participate in a fundraising lunch for the Taskforce, and give an evening lecture at a local university.

Before the Corries arrive, the Is/Pal Taskforce will screen the film *Encounter Point*. This award-winning documentary follows a group of Palestinians and Israelis who have all lost family members to political violence as they engage in a joint search to come to terms with the deaths of their loved ones, their personal feelings about those who killed them, and their efforts to find non-violent ways to deal with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The film humanizes both Palestinians and Israelis while exploring the moral dimensions of bereavement, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

In Other News...

Earlier this year as part of its effort to reach out to the local Arab and Muslim communities, the Is/Pal Taskforce and the Peace Center's Executive Director spoke at the Universal School on the anniversary of the 1948 "Nakba" or "catastrophe," when hundreds of thousands of Palestinians were thrown out of their homes and disposed of their lands. Several classes of middle school children from this Islamic school attended the presentation in what turned out to be a very moving event.

-Joanna Drzewieniecki

The March to Fort Drum

On May 8 through May 17, New York State Marched for Peace. The event was organized by New York State Direct Action for Peace (itself a coalition with the Peace Center as a founding member), Iraq Veterans Against the War, Military Families Speak Out, and Citizen Soldier. Feeder marches originating in Rochester, Ithaca, and Utica merged in the middle for a +/- 120-mile March to the Different Drummer internet café in Watertown, where soldiers and families, veterans and peace activists gathered for Armed Forces Day.

It was unforgettable, building community amongst planners, sponsors, walkers, drivers, support people, hosts, those who talked and shared with us along the way, even those who honked, waved, and made the peace sign to support the walkers, as the vast majority of the population did by the time we reached Watertown.

Outreach included information on that evening's event where representatives of IVAW and of MFSO shared their experiences and insight. They spoke with authority, with five main points: 1) Immediate unconditional withdrawal of all occupying forces in Iraq, 2) Reparations for the human and structural damages Iraq has suffered, 3) Stop the corporate pillaging of Iraq, 4) Full benefits and services and other supports for all returning soldiers and families, 5) Citizens need to share the soldiers' burden. It was a privilege to hear them speak, and giving them an arena in which to do so was one of the main goals of the march.

Many want to continue to work together, building on what has already been created. One idea is working together in groups (work, church, community, neighborhood, etc.) to provide assistance to the families of military resisters, allowing the resisters to focus on their moral and political dilemmas while the community shoulders some of the burden of their family responsibilities.

A special thank you to the Presbyterian Peace Foundation of WNY for helping to support this event. If you are interested in working on this or have any comments, please contact Vicki Ross (884-0582, victory-ross@verizon.net), Russell Brown (570-5200, hobadoxa@mac.com), or the Peace Center.

-Vicki Ross

MEETINGS & EVENTS

PEACE CENTER REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE	<p>1st Monday of the Month Latin American Solidarity Committee Organizing Meeting, 7-9pm, St Joseph University Parish, 3269 Main Street, Buffalo</p>
	<p>2nd Wednesday of the Month Taskforce for the Peaceful Resolution of the Israel-Palestine Conflict, 6:30pm, WNY Peace Center, 2123 Bailey Ave., Buffalo</p>
	<p>3rd Monday of the Month Latin American Solidarity Committee Coffeehouse, 7-9pm at the Network of Religious Communities, 1272 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, Time & Place may be subject to change</p>
	<p>4th Monday of the Month Peace Action Taskforce, 6:30pm, WNY Peace Center</p>
PEACE ALLY REGULAR MEETINGS	<p>2nd Wednesday of the Month, 7pm—Code Pink Organizing Meeting Lancaster Public Library, 5466 Broadway, Lancaster</p>
	<p>2nd Thursday of the Month, 12-3pm—Talking Circle Indigenous Women's Initiatives, at the Network of Religious Communities—1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo</p>
	<p>4th Thursday of the Month, 7pm—Code Pink Organizing Meeting J P Bullfeathers, 1010 Elmwood, Buffalo</p>
	<p>1st Friday of the Month, 6pm—Dance Alive! U.U. Church of Buffalo—695 Elmwood, www.BloodThirstyVegans.com</p>
	<p>Every Saturday Afternoon, 12-1 pm—Women In Black Demonstrate against the War in Iraq—Elmwood & Bidwell, Buffalo</p>
2008 WNY PEACE CENTER MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS	<p>Sunday, August 31, 2008, 4pm 3rd QUARTER MEETING & LABOR DAY PARTY June & Roger Annual Labor Day Party, 1515 River Road, Grand Island Potluck, music and conversation</p>
	<p>Saturday, December 6, 2008, 1-3pm 4th QUARTER/ END OF YEAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING & HOLIDAY POTLUCK WNY Peace Center, 2123 Bailey Ave., Buffalo</p>
SIGN A PETITION	<p>Tell Congress and President Bush: No War on Iran Go to http://stopwaroniran.org/petition.shtml</p>
INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S INITIATIVES	<p>Saturday, August 9, 2008, 9am-3pm Jigonsaseh Awards Annual Dinner—U.N. Indigenous Peoples Day Hilbert College, Hamburg NY—story teller, buffet, awards & more! To register call 716.332.6988 or email AgnesFay@aol.com</p>
COALITION FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>Seeking Volunteers- 1) To help with voter registration and voter mobilization, 2) To write letters to the Superintendent or the Board of Education to pass a living wage policy for school district workers. Please call the office if you are interested 716.892.5877</p>

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PEACE CENTER EVENTS AND ACTIONS	<p>Tuesday, August 5, 2008, 7-9pm Hiroshima Day Memorial Event—Film Screening & Lantern Release Buffalo & Erie County Historic Society, 25 Nottingham Court</p>
	<p>Tuesday, August 26, 2008, 7pm Peace Action Film Screening: A Force More Powerful Part II Screening Co-Sponsored by CEJ at Hallwalls, 341 Delaware Ave. This segment will focus on labor movements as means of peaceful conflict resolution.</p>
	<p>Tuesday, September 23, 2008, Luncheon & Keynote Israel/Palestine Taskforce Presents: The Parents of Rachel Corrie Rachel Corrie's parents will speak on reconciliation of the Israel/Palestine conflict, and bereavement, Location & Time TBA</p>
	<p>Friday, October 23, 2008, 7pm Peace Center House Party at the home of Charles Cobb Charles Cobb, the PC's former Executive Director, will host a house-party for members and potential members at 175 Dorchester Rd in Buffalo. Members are encouraged to bring friends to learn about the Peace Center.</p>
	<p>Friday & Saturday, October 10 & 11, 2008 World On Your Plate Food Forum @ Daemen College, Main Street Campus—visit www.woyp.org</p>
	<p>Saturday, November 1, 2008, 6-9pm Buffalo/ Niagara Convention Center Peace Center Annual Dinner Featuring Dr. Sandra Steingraber, auction, raffles, awards and more!</p>
EVENTS CO-SPONSORED BY THE PEACE CENTER	<p>Monday, September 22 & Monday, September 29, 2008, 6-9pm How to Effectively Lobby Your Legislator <i>II-part series on Nonpartisan Advocacy: ALL TASKFORCES WELCOME</i> U.U. Church of Buffalo-695 Elmwood, Hosted with NYS Pride Agenda</p>
	<p>Thursday, October 23, 2008, Times TBA The Seventh Annual Peace Conference at Buffalo State College Hosted by the Buffalo State Committee for the Understanding of Community, Diversity, and Peace, the event will focus this year on "Integrating Inquiry and Action" and celebrate U.N. Day</p>
	<p>Saturday, November 15th, 2008, 10am-2pm Alternative Holiday Peace Fair—Use your Purchase Power & Shop Local, Environmental and Labor friendly this holiday season Pilgrim-St. Luke UCC, 335 Richmond Avenue, Buffalo Seeking Vendors & Progressive Nonprofits—716.885.9443</p>

"Let us not become the evil that we deplore."

-Congresswoman Barbara Lee

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In the Spirit of Peace and Justice

*Tuesday, August 5
7-9pm*

***Hiroshima Day
Memorial Event***

***Buffalo & Erie County
Historic Society—
25 Nottingham Court, off Elmwood***

*Screening the HBO Documentary -
"White Light, Black Rain"*

*Lantern Release at Japanese Garden—
Lanterns made by
Camp Peaceprints Youth*

Sunday, August 31, 2pm

**June & Roger's
Annual Labor Day Picnic
1515 River Road, Grand Island**

**3rd Quarter
Membership Meeting, 4pm**

- Hear updates on Peace Center events and activities.
- LASC will hold an organizing meeting after the general membership meeting.
- Please bring a dish for the potluck.
- Stay to enjoy music, conversation and food!