



Peacemakers Incorporated

Peacemakers Honors Parkland CEO Ron Anderson

Dr. Ron Anderson, medical care champion for the poor and underserved in Dallas County for almost three decades, will be honored by Peacemakers Incorporated with its third Peace Patron Luncheon of 2011 at Maggiano's Italian Restaurant in NorthPark Center on **November 15, 2011**, at 11:30 a.m. **Adlene Harrison**, the first woman mayor of Dallas, will introduce Dr. Anderson.



The Peace Patron Luncheons honor individuals who exemplify positive, peaceful resolution to conflict in all aspects of the community, including the arts, business, health care and philanthropy. Previously, Peacemakers has honored as Peace Patrons Anita Martinez, the first Hispanic to be elected to the Dallas City Council, for raising community awareness of the plight of children and youth in West Dallas and for establishing the Anita Nanez Martinez Ballet Folklorico; and Lauren Embrey, artist and filmmaker, who serves as president of the Embrey Family Foundation, for her role in establishing the SMU Embrey Human Rights Education Program.

"In my long experience as an activist for equality in this community, nobody has conducted him or herself with more compassion and peacemaking skills than has Ron Anderson," said Peacemakers' founder Vivian Castleberry. "He is a living example of our organization's founding principles, among them that 'Peace is a pre-requisite to solving the world's problems, not a consequence'."

"We know," added Carol Donovan, executive director of Peacemakers, "that, in order to have peace, a community must first be able to provide opportunities for its residents to obtain the necessities of life, not the least of which is health care. Dr. Anderson has done more to provide medical care to the low income residents of Dallas County than anyone else."

Dr. Ron Anderson, who is also a professor of internal medicine at Southwestern Medical Center, began his career as a physician 40 years ago and has served as chief executive officer of Parkland Health and Hospital System since 1982. Parkland, established in 1894, is one of the largest premier public hospitals in the United States.

Under Dr. Anderson's leadership, many positive changes in health care have occurred, including but not limited to implementation of innovative medical technology and the development of policies and procedures for handling natural and man-made disasters. He served on the National Health Policy Initiative to advise the White House on health care issues. Since 1992, he has served on the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured.

"One of the things I most admire about Dr. Anderson," noted Ms. Castleberry, "is that he always credits any success at Parkland to the support of the Dallas County community and the hospital's dedicated doctors, nurses and staff, but if anything goes wrong, he accepts full responsibility. He is a true servant leader."

The cost of the Peace Patron Luncheon is \$50. You can register online at www.PeacemakersIncorporated.org or send your check payable to "Peacemakers" to 5910 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas, Texas 75235. For additional information, contact Peacemakers at 972-239-2942.

President's Comments

Several Peacemakers Inc. members, including Bill and I, attended the recent UN Day Dinner in Dallas at Fun Asia on October 24. "Nothing But Nets" was the theme of this year's event, with Cameroon as the "target" country for the Malaria Eradication campaign of the United Nations Foundation and UNA USA, in partnership with community, national and international agencies. The local Dallas Chapter of the United Nations Association hosted the dinner to discuss more fully the urgency of supplying the medicated mosquito nets to the countries where they are needed. About 70 people attended the event. A group of 14 from the local Cameroonian Association came to testify about the urgent need for help to combat malaria. The personal stories by the Cameroonians about their experiences with malaria touched the attendees in a dramatic manner and brought home the gravity of the problem and its emotional toll on the people affected.

Norma Matthews, President



Peacemakers Vernie Crabtree, Cathryn Paton, and other guests in the Dinner Line at UN Day Dinner



Cameroonians celebrate the Malaria Eradication campaign "Nothing But Nets" at UN Day Dinner

Dallas Peace Center Hosts 25th Annual Peacemaker Awards Dinner

On Thursday, December 1, 2011, the Dallas Peace Center, our office neighbor at Peace House Dallas, will host the 25th Annual Peacemaker Awards Dinner. Peacemakers Incorporated and the UNT Castleberry



Rais Bhuiyan

Peace Institute have assembled tables for this event. The reception will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel at 4099 Valley View Lane in Dallas. The 2011 "Peacemaker of the Year" Award will be presented to Rais Bhuiyan for his extraordinary commitment to breaking the cycle of hate and violence through the power of forgiveness. He is founder of World Without Hate, an organization committed to teaching people how to heal their own anger and respond non-violently in times of crisis. A "Lifetime Achievement" Award will be presented posthumously to Roger Kallenberg. The South Dallas Cultural Center will receive the 2011 "Peacemaking Organization of the Year" Award, and B.J. Austin will receive the 2011 "Media Peacemaker of the Year". The cost is \$75. Online registration is available at www.dallaspeacecenter.org.

Celebrate the Holidays

You are cordially invited to **celebrate the holidays with Peacemakers Incorporated** in three important ways:

First: Shop and dine at Rosebuds Restaurant, Giftique and Bakery and the owners will donate to Peacemakers 25% of the proceeds of the sales of all non-alcoholic drinks, food and gifts (before taxes) purchased on **December 1st, 2nd and 3rd**. Just tell your waiter or the cashier that you are with Peacemakers and Rosebuds will make the distribution after the third day. The food is delicious (as we know from first-hand experience), so reserve one or more of those days to have lunch or dinner, or both, at Rosebuds. The restaurant is open on Thursday, December 1st and Friday, December 2nd from 11AM to 8PM. On Saturday, December 3rd, the restaurant is open from 9AM to 4PM. The restaurant is located at 5600 West Lovers Lane, two doors down from Cafe Express, on the southeast corner of the intersection of Greenway and Lovers Lane. What an easy way to raise funds!



Second: Join us for a Holiday Tea at the home of Carol and Dan Donovan at 6509 Malcolm Drive in Dallas, between 2pm and 4pm on **Sunday, December 11, 2011**. This event is complimentary for members of Peacemakers and their guests. If you are not yet a member, it's not too late. You can register online as a member at www.PeacemakersIncorporated.org or in person at the Holiday Tea. This event has become a much-anticipated tradition for celebrating the holidays and another productive year for Peacemakers.

Third: Make your year-end contribution to Peacemakers during our annual year-end fundraising campaign. The 2011 Peacemakers Luncheon was a huge success, as were the Peace Patron Luncheons and other fundraisers held during the year. However, as you know, a nonprofit organization's work is never done.

Help insure that Peacemakers finishes with plenty of money to fund our peace education programs for 2012. You can make online donations at www.PeacemakersIncorporated.org, bring your check to the Holiday Tea, or mail your check to Peacemakers Incorporated at 5910 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas, Texas 75235. If you wish, you may make your donation in honor or in memoriam of an individual or organization and let us know whom to notify of your donation. A portion of all year-end donations will be contributed to the UNT Castleberry Peace Institute.



Happy Holidays!

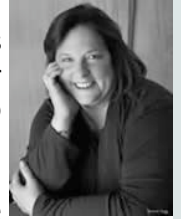
Equality for the Crown

Time and time again, the UNT Castleberry Peace Institute has found, through the research of its faculty and students that, in order to have sustained peace, there must first be equality. For this reason, we give three cheers to the British Parliament and the leaders of the 16 sovereign states of the Commonwealth of Nations for which Queen Elizabeth is the monarch and head of state. On Friday, October 28, 2011, these leaders signed an agreement, allowing a firstborn child, whether male or female, to ascend to the throne, overturning the ancient tradition of "male primogeniture." One British journalist speculated that, had daughters been allowed to ascend to the throne (instead of their younger brothers), "the first and second world wars would never have happened."

Also included in the agreement was a provision allowing the monarch to marry a Catholic. This ban has been in effect since King Henry VIII. However, the leaders did not go so far as to overturn a law that requires the monarch to be a member of the Church of England. The legislatures of the Commonwealth nations must approve the agreement before it becomes effective, but it is anticipated that these changes will pass.

Civility Corner

Last week, a 20-pound beagle named Daniel made the news when he survived a gas chamber at a kill shelter in Alabama. For Daniel, the story had a happy ending. Not only did he survive, but he was adopted by a family in New Jersey. For opponents of kill shelters, there is more good news: Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings has appointed a new task force, the Dallas Companion Animal Project (Dallas CAP), to develop a plan to end the killing of adoptable animals. The task force will focus on several factors, including the reduction the number of abandoned animals, affordability of adoption, spaying and neutering, the return of lost pets to their owners, and the transfer of abandoned animals to humane organizations. In the past year, over 20,000 dogs and cats were put to death in Dallas. According to CAP's Chairwoman Rebecca Poling, "We're looking for individuals, businesses, corporations, associations, nonprofits, advocacy groups and animal-welfare organizations willing to be a part of this effort by lending their names and encouraging others to do the same." To get involved, contact the task force at 214-670-0704 or via dallascompanionanimalproject@gmail.com or visit www.DallasCompanionAnimalProject.org.



Ironically, American women did not fare as well as the dogs last week. Whether you consider yourself "pro-life" or "pro-choice," most of us agree that the life of the mother is at least as important as the life of the unborn child. Though I have a strong opinion on the subject, I respect the views of those who do not agree with me. Even on this emotional issue, there is room for common ground. In a Gallup poll taken just 3 months ago, 97% of "pro-choice" Americans and 69% of "pro-life" Americans agreed that abortions should be legal when the woman's life was endangered. When these same Americans were asked if abortions should be legal when the woman's physical health was endangered, the results varied only one percentage point. The majority of both groups also believe that abortions should be legal when the pregnancy is caused by rape or incest. Nevertheless, last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the "Protect Life Act," allowing hospitals to refuse to perform even emergency abortions necessary to save the life of the mother. This bill must proceed to the U.S. Senate, where it is not likely to pass, and the President has already announced that he will veto the bill if it gets to his desk. However, it is demoralizing, and certainly not civil, for our congressional leaders to disregard the life of the mother, especially when their own constituents believe the mother's life should take precedence. Time and time again, the courts have struck abortion-limiting provisions that do not protect the life of the mother, but our Congress continues to attempt to disregard the lives of women. Perhaps, we need a task force to protect women from Congress!

The common issue of the protection of the life of the mother can be addressed by "pro-life" and "pro-choice" Americans separately, but more effectively together. The solution is to hold our elected representatives, state and federal, accountable to women, who constitute more than half of their constituents (even though women hold less than 17% of the seats in the current U.S. Congress.) If our representatives do not regard our lives worthy of saving, then their jobs should not be saved, and they should be replaced by people who believe mothers have a right to live.

Carol Crabtree Donovan,
Executive Director

Dates to Calendar

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| November 15 | Peace Patron Luncheon honoring Dr. Ron Anderson, 11:30 a.m., at Maggiano's Italian Restaurant (see article p.1) |
| November 29 | Emerging Leaders Event, 5:00 p.m., at UNT, Wooten Hall, Room 322, hosted by Peacemakers Cathryn Paton, Erica Mahoney and Maryanne Owiti with panelists including Vivian Castleberry, Dr. David Mason & Dr. Sandra Spencer |
| November 29 | Peace Education Coalition Meeting, 6:00 p.m., at La Madeleine's near SMU |
| December 1 | Dallas Peace Center's Annual Peacemaker Awards Dinner, 5:30 p.m., at Doubletree Hotel (see article p. 2) |
| December 1-3 | Peacemakers Fundraiser at Rosebud's Giftique & Bakery (see article p.3) |
| December 10 | UN Human Rights Day (see article p. 5) |
| December 11 | Peacemakers Holiday Tea, 3:00-5:00 p.m., at Carol Donovan's home, 6509 Malcolm Drive, Dallas |

UN Human Rights Day—December 10

The Human Rights Council is an inter-governmental body of the United Nations responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the globe. It replaced the Human Rights Commission on March 15, 2006, and has been subject to the same criticism as its predecessor for ineffectiveness, admitting members with questionable human rights records, and acting according to political consideration rather than human rights concerns. However the following commentary was recently noted.

Improvements are being made to the Human Rights Council [HRC], which has recently begun to win cautious praise. For example, Human Rights Watch, a frequent critic of the body commended its "bold steps in response to human rights crises across the globe." The Economist even recently bestowed lukewarm praise with its piece, "A long-despised watchdog wakes up, barks and even bites."

Why the sudden buzz? Within

the last year HRC appears to have been stirred to action. The Council initiated international investigations in Côte d'Ivoire, Libya, and Syria, appointed an independent expert to report on the human rights situation in Iran, and extended the mandates of rapporteurs for Myanmar, Cambodia, Somalia, and Sudan.

The Council also adopted a groundbreaking resolution that seeks to address violence, discrimination, and incitement to religious hatred without reference to "defamation of religions," as well as the first-ever UN resolution on the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered persons.

The Council also recommended the suspension of Libya's membership. To many, this may seem to be a bare minimum requirement and raise the question of why Libya was even elected to the Council to begin with. But if this can be seen as a signal that states are taking membership criteria more seriously, then we may see fewer

states joining the Council to shield their own bad behavior. Syria after all decided to withdraw its candidacy a few months after Libya's suspension.

The Council's 18th session, which closed at the end of September, did not see any groundbreaking and controversial resolutions; however, both its achievements and hindrances indicate that the body is the principal venue to deal with global challenges in human rights.

- - Posted from the Middle East by Deborah Brown, the first Leo Nevas Human Rights Fellow of the UNA-USA, in "The Interdependent," a program of the United Nations Foundation (UNF), affiliated with the Dallas Chapter of UNA-USA.

Mark the date December 10, 2011: the Dallas Chapter of UNA USA has invited the Hon. Teta Banks, former Consul of the Republic of Liberia and presently President at The International Forum, Inc. in Houston, Texas, to come to Dallas. Details to follow.

In Memoriam



Peacemakers Board member Liz Cowles died on October 18, 2011, after a long illness of pulmonary hypertension and scleroderma. She was 75 years old. For the past 6 years, Liz was active with Peacemakers as a consultant, a volunteer and as a member of the Board of Directors. Additionally, she served as a professional fundraiser for the International Women's Peace Conference in 2007.

For over 30 years, Liz served the Dallas community as a volunteer in more than 20 nonprofit organizations, particularly those that focused on women and human services. She also served as Executive Director of Dallas Healthy Start, President of Camp Fire, Inc., President of the Women's Council of Dallas County, and President of the Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice. She is survived by her 3 children: Gary Randall Cowles, Jan Cowles Sendker and Richard Scott Cowles.

We are blessed to have known Liz and we are all beneficiaries of her commitment and support of Peacemakers and the Dallas community. We will miss her.

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