



Peacemakers Incorporated

Peace Patron Honoree: Dr. 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 Restaurant in NorthPark Center on November 15, 2011, at 11:30am. 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.

In 1985, Dr. Anderson played a major role in the passage of landmark legislation concerning indigent health care in Texas that banned “patient dumping.” He quickly became a national spokesperson on this issue, and his work ultimately led to the passage of federal legislation signed into law by President Ronald Reagan.

Among the most notable of his many honors and awards, are those selected by his peers: “*Modern Physician* magazine listed him first among its list of the “Top 50 Most Powerful Physician Executives.” *Modern Healthcare* magazine listed him first on its list of the "100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare.”

“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.”

Individual tickets for the Peace Patron Luncheon honoring Dr. Ron Anderson are \$50. To register, go to the Peacemakers website at www.PeacemakersIncorporated.org. For additional information, contact Peacemakers at 972-239-2942 or via email at PeacemakersInc@aol.com.

Third Annual Peacemakers Luncheon Huge Success

The 3rd Annual Peacemakers Luncheon, co-hosted by the UNT Castleberry Peace Institute, was held at the Tower Club on the 48th floor of Thanksgiving Tower on September 21. WFAA News Anchor Gloria Campos served for the second year as emcee, and Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano, Honorary Luncheon Chair, read the UN proclamation on the International Day of Peace.

The Exhibit Hall was decorated with strands of peace cranes contributed by Jo Wharton and with beautiful gift baskets created by members of the Luncheon Committee. The Exhibitors, who enhanced the welcoming atmosphere, included 29 Pieces, Inc.*; Center for Spiritual Living*; Hispanic Women's Network of Texas*; Hope for Peace & Justice and Interfaith Peace Chapel; International Guild of Visual Peacemakers; Nikita Hattangady; United Nations Association*; United Healthcare Medicare and Retirement; UNT Castleberry Peace Institute*; UNT Women's Studies Program*; and Women's Southwest Federal Credit Union.



The keynote speaker was Patricia Smith Melton, the founder of the international peace organization, Peace X Peace, based in Washington, D.C., and author of *Sixty Years, Sixty Voices*, her book celebrating the diversity and power of the women of Israel and Palestine. She is producer and co-director of the award-winning 2003 documentary "PEACE BY PEACE: Women on the Frontlines," co-founder of the Melton International Education Foundation, the recipient of the The Rumi Foundation's 2008 Peace Award, and one of OneWorld's 2008 People of the Year. Her remarks focused on women's inner strength and women's instinctive ways of dealing with conflict, which is to find common ground to establish relationships (Do you have children? What is your favorite recipe?) rather than trying to dominate or flee. She left us with her personal maxim, "It's not about how you live your life, but how you let life live through you."

Over 275 people filled the dining room to enjoy lunch and hear her speak. Table hosts included six* of the exhibitors as well as BePeace/Compassionate Communication; Carol Crabtree Donovan, PC; Margaret Culkan; Honors Academy Charter School District; Irma Lerma Rangel School; Anita Marcos; Norma and Bill Matthews; Melvin A. Lipsitz Family Foundation; Memorial Pathway Academy, GISD; SMU Embrey Human Rights Education Program; UNT College of Arts and Sciences; Patricia Vaughan; and Women's Issues Network.



Photo by Mary Jo Kaska



As a fund raising event, the Luncheon also included a silent auction of gift baskets and a raffle of donated items. Tickets were sold to attendees by students from the Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School. Donors of raffle items were Corner Bakery (gift basket), Elite Services (house cleaning service), St. Martin's Wine Bistro (Sunday brunch for two), Carol Donovan (weekend at beach house), and Patricia Smith Melton (a copy of her book). In all, the money raised made this year's luncheon the most successful yet!

The Luncheon was also supported by numerous advertisers and donors, who were listed in the Luncheon Program. Additionally, the Albertsons Grocery Store in Lakewood donated a beautiful floral arrangement for the program.

Mark your calendars now for the Fourth Annual Peacemakers Luncheon on September 21, 2012. To volunteer to help with the Luncheon or for more information regarding sponsorship opportunities, contact the Peacemakers office at 972-239-2942 or email PeacemakersInc@aol.com

Luncheon Photos



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Civility Corner

Why do we need peace education? Look at any playground and you will observe that we are not all born diplomatic. Amid an atmosphere of innocent fun, there are those who ostracize, those who don't share well, and those who bully. And, of course, there are the victims, who are not equipped to deal with the aggression.

Children are not born with prejudices. Nevertheless, they pick up on differences at an early age, and in some families and communities, they model the hate they observe. Intolerance is a learned behavior. Like the song, "You've Got to be Carefully Taught," from the musical "South Pacific," children must be carefully taught:

*You've got to be taught to hate and fear;
You've got to be taught from year to year;
It's got to be drummed in your dear little ear;
You've got to be carefully taught.*

*You've got to be taught to be afraid
of people whose eyes are oddly made
and people whose skin is a different shade;
You've got to be carefully taught.*

*You've got to be taught before it's too late,
before you are 6 or 7 or 8,
to hate all the people your relatives hate;
You've got to be carefully taught.*

In 1949, when Rodgers and Hammerstein included that song in "South Pacific," they created quite a stir. The composer and lyricist received much criticism for the song, which was a comment on social attitudes towards inter-racial relationships. In fact, in Georgia a state legislator introduced a bill to outlaw the show, claiming that "a song justifying interracial marriage was implicitly a threat to the American way of life." Rodgers and Hammerstein held firm, and the song stayed in the show.

Carol Donovan, Executive Director

President's Comments

It's that time of year again for Peacemakers! During October and November Peacemakers' membership chooses its leaders for the coming year. Peacemakers strives to maintain an active Board of 15-17 members. Board terms are for two years with a maximum service of 2 consecutive terms (4 years). About half of the number of members rotate off (or renew for a second term) each year while the rest remain in service. Several vacancies need to be filled for 2012.

Peacemakers members, you now have the great opportunity to help choose your leaders for the coming year. Think about the qualities and characteristics that you would like to see in your leaders. Nominees should be willing to attend meetings and events of Peacemakers Incorporated, attend a 1 or 2-day retreat on a weekend early in the year, help raise (or donate) funds to support programs of Peacemakers, volunteer time to promote Peacemakers, and act in the best interests of the organization. If you know of someone who would be interested Peacemakers and whose skills and philosophy would match well with Peacemakers mission and goals, please fill out a Nomination Form for yourself or another potential candidate. You can find the Nomination Form on our website at www.PeacemakersIncorporated.org or request a form to be mailed to you by calling Peacemakers office, 972-239-2942. The deadline to submit nominations is November 5, 2011.

The Nominating Committee (Chair Norma Matthews, Vivian Castleberry, Pat Vaughan, Jo Wharton, Del Darrough, Nia MacKay and staff members) will consider all nominations and will contact potential candidates to see if they would be willing to serve. A slate of candidates will be presented to the Board at its meeting on November 10, 2012.

Exercise your right to assist in choosing outstanding leaders for Peacemakers for 2012!

Norma Matthews, President



Peacemaker of the Month

Former Peacemakers Administrator Melissa Smith gave birth to a healthy baby boy July 13. Melissa served Peacemakers for 3 years with extraordinary capability, efficiency, and caring. She is now undertaking motherhood with those same qualities and boundless love. She and husband/dad Josh are pursuing their new passion as leaders of the International Guild of Visual Peacemakers. Thank you, Melissa, for all that you have done, are doing, and will do.

A Tribute to Wangari Maathai

Wangari Maathai, founder of the Green Belt Movement and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, passed away on September 25, 2011, in Nairobi. Maathai was born in a small Kenyan village in 1940 at a time when most Kenyan girls were not educated. She went to school at the encouragement of her brother and eventually earned a master's degree at the University of Pittsburgh in 1966. That same year she joined the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Nairobi. In 1971 she received a Ph.D., the first woman in east and central Africa to do so. She became the first woman to chair a department at the University and the first to be appointed a professor. In the 1970s Professor Maathai became active in a number of environmental and humanitarian organizations in Nairobi, including the National Council of Women of Kenya. She was a tireless worker for the environment as well as for the rights and empowerment of women. Her fearless determination to make the world a more peaceful, healthier and better place was heroic. She remains a role model and inspiration for millions of women around the world.



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