



Peacemakers Incorporated

Almost Sold Out!

Thanks to the hard work of Luncheon Chairwoman Anita Marcos and the Luncheon Committee, the Luncheon is almost sold out with 2 weeks left before this annual event. If you have not yet registered, please do so now as there are very few seats left!



*Mayor Pro Tem
Pauline Medrano*

Mayor Pro Tem Pauline Medrano has agreed to serve as the Honorary Luncheon Chairwoman for the Third Annual Peacemakers Luncheon, which is scheduled for Wednesday, **September 21, 2011**. WFAA Anchor **Gloria Campos** will emcee this event, which is the Dallas celebration of the United Nations International Day of Peace. **Approximately 250 people have registered, thus far.**



Gloria Campos

The Luncheon will be held at the Tower Club on the 48th floor of Thanksgiving Tower at 1601 Elm Street in downtown Dallas. The Luncheon will begin at 11:30am. However, the doors will open at 10:30am for the Exhibit Hall, which will be filled with exhibit booths and gift baskets for sale. **Exhibitors** include 29 Pieces a/k/a MasterPEACE, Center for Spiritual Living, author Nikita Hattangady, Hispanic Women's Network of Texas, Hope for Peace & Justice, Interfaith Peace Chapel, Honors Academy, International Guild of Visual Peacemakers, Southwest Federal Women's Credit Union, United Healthcare, United Nations Association, and UNT Castleberry Peace Institute.



Patricia Smith Melton

The keynote speaker is **Patricia Smith Melton**, the producer of the documentary "Peace by Peace: Women on the Frontlines," which was broadcast on **PBS**. The Luncheon is sponsored by **Peacemakers Incorporated** and the **Castleberry Peace Institute** of the **University of North Texas**. Peacemakers is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) corporation, founded by award-winning journalist and author Vivian Castleberry. Peacemakers sponsors peace education programs and has hosted three international women's peace conferences in Dallas, involving over 4,000 delegates (including 3 Nobel Peace Laureates) from 57 countries.

Tickets are \$75 for members and \$100 for non-members. The cost for hosting a table is \$750 for members and \$1,000 for non-members. **Net proceeds** from this event will be used for peace education programs, including anti-bullying training, conflicts resolution skills, and international programs. These programs are especially timely since the Texas Legislature recently passed "anti-bullying legislation" (HB1942) to protect students in Texas schools. **Table Hosts** for this event include: 29 Pieces a/k/a MasterPEACE' BePeace/Compassionate Communication' Carol Crabtree Donovan, PC; Center for Spiritual Living; Margaret Culgan; Hispanic Women's Network; Honors Academy; Irma Rangel School; Melvin A. Lipsitz Family Foundation; Anita Marcos; Norma and Bill Matthews; United Nations Association; Patricia Vaughan; UNT Women's Studies Program; UNT Castleberry Peace Institute; UNT College of Arts and Sciences; and Women's Issues Network.

You can register online for the Luncheon, purchase tickets and make donations on the website for Peacemakers Incorporated at **www.PeacemakersIncorporated.org**. If you have any questions, please contact the Peacemakers office via email at PeacemakersInc@aol.com or at 972-239-2942.

Civility Corner

Ten years have elapsed since the tragic event known to the world as "9-11". As a nation, we mourn the 2,982 people who died in the terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon. We certainly do not celebrate an anniversary, such as this. However, it is appropriate for us to reflect on the effect this tragedy has had on us and on our nation.

Everyone remembers where they were and what they were doing when the first plane struck the Twin Towers. I was at home, getting ready for work. Three months later, my family traveled to Europe. When the locals learned we were from the U.S., their expressions turned mournful, as if they had just learned that a member of our family had died. Everyone was sympathetic, at least on that trip. Two years later, our family traveled to France. By this time, the United States had invaded Afghanistan and Iraq. With the Internet, the French had heard many of the disdainful comments about their election to not invade Iraq, including the unfunny jokes about "freedom fries." Needless to say, the French were offended, and we were not greeted with open arms.

With time, the attitude towards the U.S. has improved except, of course, in the countries that we occupy. Even there, we are told by some foreign policy experts that the attitude towards the U.S. in Middle Eastern countries greatly depends on age. Stereotypically, the older generation resents western influences on their culture; whereas, the younger generation admires the U.S. Unfortunately, it is the younger generation that is usually recruited for extremist groups such as the Taliban.

Looking back, the biggest change for me since "9-11" was not connected with my travels abroad; rather, it was my path within the U.S. and my own community. Like many, I immediately felt fear. Based on our nation's history, we were accustomed to fighting wars on other people's turf. We certainly were not used to being attacked on our own ground, and none of us knew whether other attacks were planned. I recall trying to assure my then 9-year-old son that he had nothing to fear. When he asked if "they" would hit Dallas, I told him, "Don't worry. They don't know where Dallas is."

As a result of my personal fear, I wanted to know as much as possible about people in other countries. I became more interested in international matters and peace efforts. I joined Peacemakers Incorporated and met many like-minded people of different races, cultures, and countries. I participated in diversity programs sponsored by groups such as Church Women United, National Council of Jewish Women, Texas Women's Muslim Foundation, Memnosyne Foundation, Thanks-Giving Square, DFW International Alliance and, of course, Peacemakers Incorporated. I have learned that every religion on earth has scripture almost identical to the "Golden Rule" I learned as a child. We are united in our reliance on that belief: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." In its simplest form, isn't that what civility is all about?

Carol Donovan, Executive Director

Welcome to Fall Intern

Peacemakers is delighted to welcome our new fall intern from UNT. Maryanne Owiti was born in Nairobi, Kenya, the fifth of six children. She attended the University of Texas at Arlington, graduating in 2006 with a B.A. in psychology. In the years following graduation, she worked for the Follett Corporation as a senior accountant and as assistant manager of the El Centro College Bookstore. In the fall of 2010, she began her graduate career in Women's Studies at UNT in the hopes of contributing to the important work of improving the lives of women worldwide. She tells us that she is looking forward to learning how peace can be achieved, with special interest in peace education. We are so happy to have you working with us, Maryanne.



Report by Jo Wharton

The Memnosyne Foundation, founded by Mary Ann Thompson-Frenk and Joshua Frenk, hosted a Local & International Community Leaders Visioning Event on May 2-6 at the Hilton Anatole. The Foundation's mission is to help the diverse people of the world consciously encourage an evolution for themselves and for future generations by providing humankind with the means to encourage positive, peaceful global collaboration in areas of knowledge.

*The speaker was **Dr. Don Beck** who taught the Practical and Spiritual Wisdom of Spiral Dynamics, which is a new definition of Human Nature that explains our stages of development. By using this system, Memnosyne can increase its impact on the community.*

Peacemaker of the Month

Anita Marcos, Peacemakers board member and chair of the 2011 Annual Luncheon Committee, has been working tirelessly to make this Luncheon an outstanding event. Not only has she been heading up this project, but she has also been leading empowerment workshops for Hispanic women during the summer. Anita, we are grateful for all your hard work and your many contributions to enrich our community. We salute you and your wonderful volunteer committee for all that you have done and are doing. Thank you.



Item of Interest: *PeaceWeek 2011* is a free global telesummit presented by The Shift Network and The Peace Alliance inspired by Pathways to Peace taking place September 15-21. Among the dozens of notable leaders and peacebuilders taking part is **Rita Marie Johnson**, founder of **BePeace**, whom we have worked with and supported for a number of years in our peace education efforts. She will be presenting "Humanity's Peace Story" on Thursday, Sept. 15, 4:00-4:30 p.m. If you are interested in more information, go to The Shift Network online and click on PeaceWeek 2011.

President's Article

The United Nations Foundation's Nothing But Nets (NBN) is a global grassroots campaign created in 2006 to prevent malaria in Africa by providing insecticide-treated bed nets to thousands of people. The Foundation sent their national NBN team to Dallas - Fort Worth for a week beginning August 29th, mounting an exhibit in the National Scouting Museum and recognizing local sponsors, including a service club at McCulloch Middle School in the Highland Park school district, which raised several thousand dollars for Nets.

Among a number of the activities organized for the Dallas tour, Bill and I decided to attend the exhibition soccer game between FC Dallas and University of Monterrey, Mexico, in Frisco, Texas. We weren't sure we wanted to brave the 100-degree heat of Pizza Hut Park to see this match, but Bill and I were ushered to a covered, outdoor upper deck where refreshments were served, and the gentle breeze made the evening bearable. Our fellow fans from Cameroon helped us understand the game – our first, live experience!

Cameroon is the West African country where the incidence of malaria has gone up 300% in the last five years. It is the target beneficiary for 225,000 medicated bed nets to help prevent the illness that claims another victim every 45 seconds. Since its inception, NBN and its many partners and supporters have raised more than \$35 million to combat this dread disease.

----- And FC Dallas won the Rio Grande Plate (not exactly the World Cup) with an exciting 6 to 5 Penalty Kick shoot-out to climax the evening!

Norma Matthews

In Remembrance of 9-11

An Interfaith Prayer for Peace.

Holy and righteous God, you have created us for peace in the human family, and peace in families with friends in community.

Yet how can we cry "peace," when we see dissension, conflict and war among us, both in families and throughout the world where you have placed us for this time? We shrink in sorrow before fragmentation, and alienation, and brokenness, where there should be wholeness and convergence and harmony.

Teach us to do good only for goodness' sake, and not for public recognition. Liberate our thinking, not that we may see and celebrate the fruits of our actions, but rather that we must renounce the fruit and all craving after it, to offer any fruits of our work to God. Help us to understand that desirelessness is not to be confused with indifference. Release us from descending into despair if our work has disappointing results or is harshly criticized, or is disregarded altogether. For we work only to the best of our ability in dedication to God and for God's purposes.
[Swami Prabhavananda]

Heal us of despair and hopeless resignation, and restore our trust in justice and righteousness. Enable us to put our hope, not in economics or politics or even social constructs, but to strive towards true health in heart and mind and spirit where reside the real forces of existence, as we act in selfless love and genuine caring for our neighbors.

We remember and pray for those who mourn, who exist in suffering situations, or who have lost loved ones to hunger, to natural disasters, or in the senseless violence that invades innocent lives.

Inspire us to love the whole of creation completely and our fellow creatures wholeheartedly without exception, to do unto others as we would have them do towards all humanity, and to harmonize our heart strings to the great symphony of the universe, that the music of the ages and of our age may show forth your praise with gratitude and blessing.

And may the peace that passes understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge of the God of many names, who made heaven and earth and all that dwells therein. Amen.

Prayer for Interfaith Service, Unity Church of Arlington, Rev. Bill Matthews

Human Rights Info Fair



Because of a growing number of students interested in the field of human rights, the Embrey Human Rights Program at SMU hosted an Info Session and Fair for new and returning students on September 1st, in which Peacemakers Incorporated was invited to take part.

Several Peacemakers staffed a table providing brochures, flyers, pictures of activities and other information regarding our mission; and volunteers were available to answer questions about our organization. The event was well-attended, and many students expressed interest in Peacemakers' activities. A number of email addresses were collected for future contact. Peacemakers volunteers and staff who were present were pleased with the turnout and student interest.

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