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Director's Message and Agenda for Action 2013-14

The arrival of the spring equinox is a time for celebration of spring and renewal of our commitments to continuation of a variety of projects. The G.A.M.E. Board and officers have arranged and organized a continuation of a number of programs. *We invite your active participation* to enhance, with your attendance, upcoming events and activities that assist our educational and outreach projects. Your membership is a commitment and your actions are essential. We need your support to confront community challenges and explore issues of concern including climate change, poverty, and health care. Your membership is your opportunity to help craft strategies for the future about what can be offered to our community.

Our annual board and member meeting on April 21 is particularly important to hear our accomplishments and create the GAME agenda for the coming year. The addition of the International Luncheon is to provide an opportunity for you to invite potential new members to the event and encourage their participation and support (see more details below). We look forward to seeing you at the following activities and programs in the coming months.



Saturday, April 6, 2013 -- Foreign Language Creative Writing Contest Awards Ceremony will be at the Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes Street (next to the Fire Station), from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. The top three short story student winners will receive a Recognition Plaque and others will receive a Certificate of Participation. Everyone is invited!

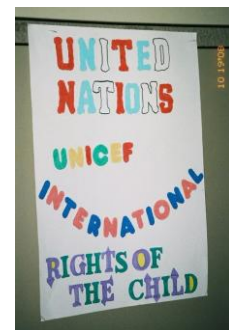
Sunday, April 21 -- 12:30 to 4:00 pm Annual GAME Board and Member Meeting is combined with an International Luncheon at All Souls Unitarian Church, 4501 Walnut St., KCMO. As a member, we invite you to join us and enjoy international cuisine for \$7.00 (maximum \$15 per family) and encourage you to bring family and friends. Then stay for the board meeting, which is an opportunity to hear about our past and future activities and to elect the new board and officers of the organization. Past board officers will be invited to join us and recognized for their leadership!

Saturday, May 11, 11:30-1:30 -- 6th Annual Peace Builder Awards Luncheon at Californos in Westport, 4124 Pennsylvania, KCMO. RSVPs requested by May 1. We will recognize one individual and one organization with significant records of contributions to non-violence and promoting a peaceful community. The event includes a Silent Auction of donated international and cultural items, which provides additional funds in support of our ongoing educational activities throughout the year.

Biennial “Activism for Human Rights” Conferences -- Beginning in 2000, our conferences have been the most important project of Global and Multicultural Education. They have attracted many local and national advocates of children’s and women’s rights. ***Building a World Fit for Children*** (conference title from 2000-2006) has focused on the vulnerability of children and the importance of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, known as CRC. These events have emphasized the positive approach of CRC, in providing an enumerated (international) minimum standard of behavior and action in the treatment of children. GAME’s inaugural conference in 2000, followed by more than a decade of biennial conferences, affirms GAME’s commitment to advance the rights of children around the world. Panels of experts have addressed issues of hunger and poverty, child health and welfare, child labor, child abuse and exploitation. After 12 years, we are at the juncture for renewed discussion regarding future conferences ... we need and appreciate your ideas and input!



The crucial issue facing the GAME board of directors is how to proceed if this project is to remain viable and effective. Conference registration has declined and the donors are reluctant to cover funding needed for these repeated projects. Garnering funds for conference expenses requires a high degree of energy and effort to manage such an event. As advocates for children’s and women’s rights, we believe there are more educational efforts needed to achieve the full implementation of the CRC and CEDAW international conventions. Although there have been many suggestions considered, no final decisions have been reached.



Among proposals is the possibility to bring an exhibit of extended duration about children’s rights, encouraging the National Children Rights Coalition to become a partner. Also the G.A.M.E. founder, Dr. Manny Pedram, has suggested that the board of directors examine a change in format, from a conference to a Symposium of Children and Youth in 2014, involving college students and interested secondary schools and teachers. All the events, issues and conference format would involve a core leadership made of participating students and G.A.M.E officers and members.

Again we solicit your views, suggestions and recommendations at the Annual Board Meeting on April 21 about how to proceed for 2014 biennial conference. For the history of prior conferences, visit the GAME website <www.kcglobalconcepts.org>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 6 (weekend after Easter) -- Foreign Language Creative Writing Contest Awards Ceremony, 2:00-3:30pm, Trailside Center, 9901 Holmes, Kansas City, MO.

Sunday, April 21 – 12:30-4:00, GAME International Potluck Lunch, followed by Annual Membership and Board Meeting. Location—All Souls UU Church, Fellowship Hall, 4501 Walnut, Kansas City, MO.

Saturday, May 11 – Peace Builder Awards Luncheon, 11:30-1:30, Californos Restaurant/Westport.



Internationally Speaking

Celebration of International Women’s Day (IWD) began March 8, 1975 as *International Women’s Day*. The U.N. General Assembly in December 1977 adopted a resolution proclaiming a *United Nations Day for Women’s Rights* to be observed by all member states. The United States designates the whole month of March as *Women’s History Month*. This year, *International Women’s Day (IWD)* was celebrated on March 8--demonstrating the “common bond between mothers globally since 1975.”

In 1987, the National Women’s History Project petitioned Congress to expand the celebration to the entire month of March. The Resolution is approved every year with bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. The theme for 2013 is “A promise is a promise: Time for action to end violence against women.”

Oberlin College, chartered in 1833, was the first college to admit women, followed by Harvard when it opened its “Annex” (Radcliffe) for women in 1879. Single-sex education remained the elite norm in the U.S. until the 1970s. The Title IX legislation, enacted in 1977, prohibited gender discrimination by federally funded institutions, and it has become the primary tool for women’s fuller participation in all aspects of education. Find more information about Women’s History Month at

womenshistorymonth.gov and womenshistorymonth.org.

The United Nations theme for 2013 is the “International Year of Water Cooperation.” In addition, GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAUNCHES INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF QUINOA: A senior United Nations official joined South American leaders to praise the nutritional value of the ancient “superfood”, which Bolivian President Evo Morales hailed as an “ancestral gift from the Andes to the world”-- a low-cost response to global hunger and the starting point for a more equitable international economic system, especially the food trade.



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