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Peace Builder Awards Luncheon-- 6th Annual Celebration!

On Saturday, May 11, GAME celebrated its 6th annual Peace Builder event. Opening remarks were offered by Dr. Charles Wheeler and presiding was Paula Coyote Schaaf, president of the board of directors. Sara Pedram, Director, introduced board members and thanked each one for their service with a beautiful rose. She said the Peace Builder Award was established in 2007 to recognize an individual and an organization in the Kansas City area who have made significant contributions to global and intercultural understanding.

Bambi Nancy Shen was presented the individual award by Haumana Johannsen, GAME board

member. A long-time peace building activist, Bambi fosters positive relationships worldwide. She works with Homes from the Heart, building houses in El Salvador and

Haiti. She serves as an interpreter in Chinese, French, and Spanish at area hospitals. In addition, she is the author of *"The Uncrushable Rose, A Memoir from Concentration Camp to Becoming a Free Woman."*

Lama Chuck Stanford and his Rime Buddhist Center was presented the organizational award by Paula Schaaf. Lama Chuck Stanford, with the Kansas City Interfaith Council, hosts the Annual Meditation for

World Peace. Among his other activities and programs are providing a Buddhist ministry outreach to inmate groups at three

area prisons, teaching meditation classes and performing Buddhist ceremonies (including weddings and funerals), and writing a monthly column for the Kansas City Star.

The keynote speaker for the event was Jim Everett, who served as a deep-cover CIA intelligence officer in numerous countries around the world for 35

years. Based on those experiences, he recently authored the book *"The Making and Breaking of an American Spy."* He well documents the "business of espionage" and the role of intelligence in national security. In light of recent events and highly secret collection of data, the book reflects and gives the reality of what Mr. Everett calls the magnitude of CIA intelligence gathering and the CIA's role in destabilizing other countries.



Mr. Everett is also the former Executive Director of the Kansas City Interfaith Peace Alliance and coordinator for the United Nations Peace Plaza and Fountain in Independence, Missouri.

We extend congratulations to our 2013 award recipients, Bambi Shen and Lama Chuck Stanford and the Rime Buddhist Center, for their ongoing efforts in building a global community and promoting peace!

Please visit the GAME website: <www.kcglobalconcepts.org> for a complete listing of all our former Peace Builder award recipients since 2007. ...Sara Pedram, GAME Director

Mark Your Calendars to Join Us for a Stimulating Summer Program!

Philosophy Salon and Potluck Dinner

Saturday, August 3rd, from 4 pm to 6 pm

We will meet at the G.A.M.E. office in the style of literary salons of old Paris, London, and New York. In addition to a potluck dinner, our gathering will focus on an intimate study of Michel Foucault, who was a French philosopher, historian, and activist (1926-1984). We'll critically evaluate his theory of power relations to see if his thoughts shine some light on the changes in policies of governments and organizations towards and public opinion of race, gender and sexuality. In particular, we'll look at some of the changes from 2000-2013 and see if Foucault can provide philosophical insights that relate to our lives today. G.A.M.E. members Ben Boggs, in the History of Ideas honors program at William Jewell College, and Joseph Gruenbaum, philosophy student at Georgetown University, will moderate and lead our discussion.

Collaborative Opportunity with Girl Scouts of NW Missouri and NE Kansas

From 2005 to 2012, GAME participated in an outreach program with the Boy Scouts by providing teachers for their Citizenship in the World merit badge. This program was in line with GAME's mission to enhance knowledge of global interdependence and also provided middle-school age Boy Scouts with the appreciation and awareness of essential issues necessary in today's international community, such as tolerance and understanding of diversity. Our board members have indicated the importance to include a similar program for Girl Scouts.

We are pleased to announce that Julia Lloyd, Program Manager for Girl Scouts of NE Kansas and NW Missouri; GAME President Paula Schaaf; and Director Sara Pedram met recently to explore the opportunities for collaboration. Badges, curriculum, and potential for Brownies and Girl Scouts to meet at the GAME office for training and workshops were discussed. Details from this initial meeting will be presented at the August 25 board meeting for discussion and decisions about how to move forward. In addition, Julia has agreed to serve on the GAME Advisory Board. We are pleased to welcome her and look forward to a positive, productive and collaborative relationship!





INTERNATIONALLY SPEAKING

World Day Against Child Labor is annually observed on June 12 to raise awareness of the plight of millions of child workers around the globe. Child labor is any work that physically, socially, or morally is dangerous to children. The 2013 theme is focused on the plight of **Child Domestic Workers “who are victims of physical, psychological and sexual”** violence and abuse. The ILO estimates that there are 15.5 million domestic child laborers around the world.

The United Nation’s MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs) with a deadline of 2015 have a primary focus to end poverty. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Director General announced that 38 countries have demonstrated a “strong political will” to achieve a lasting reduction in poverty. The FAO’s new report “The State of Food and Agriculture 2013” indicates that 12.5 per cent of the world is still “undernourished in terms of energy intake.”

International Literacy Day Discussion (stay tuned for confirmation of exact date/time)

Resolution 1.141 of the 14th session of the UNESCO General Conference provided for September 8th of each year to be designated as International Literacy Day.

Marlena Boggs, Vice-President of Programs/Outreach, is planning a gathering that will include an international meal while listening to Phyllis Harris who has worked to enhance the lives of children and families for over 25 years. She works for LIFT (Literacy Investment for Tomorrow)-Missouri as the Kansas City literacy coordinator and a partnership with Webster University. She'll talk about the three-year project she's been working on in conjunction with Webster University. This program provides ESL certification for teachers in the Kansas City School District who work with children who speak languages other than English.

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD AT APRIL 21st ANNUAL MEETING!

The following slate was presented and approved at the Annual Board and Membership meeting-- we welcome and thank them for their service and support!

Paula Coyote Schaaf	...President
Norman Burkart	...Vice President
Haumana Johannsen	...Secretary
Bambi Shen	...Treasurer
Marlena Boggs	...V.P. Programs/Outreach
Sister Pat Kenoyer	...At Large

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