

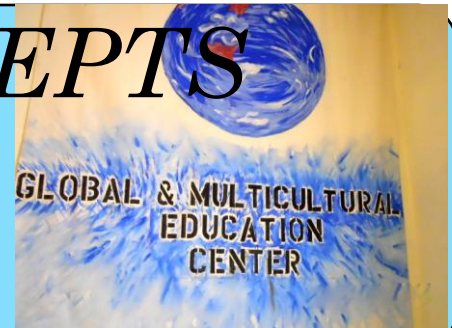
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Director's Reflections

.....Sara Pedram

PEACE BUILDER AWARDS LUNCHEON—7TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

On Saturday,

April 26, GAME celebrated its 7th annual Peace Builder event at Lidia's Italy. The luncheon and program were in the private Loft upstairs. Opening remarks were shared by Paula Schaaf, GAME President, and Sara Pedram, Director, who introduced Board members and thanked them for their service. 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.



Following lunch, Sara introduced the keynote speaker, The Honorable Judy Morgan, MO House of Representatives, District 24. She spoke about a colleague in the House who had recently passed away. She said she found him inspirational in his work to represent the people of Missouri ... as he always searched for peaceful resolutions in his interactions with other legislators and in his efforts to serve his constituents. Paula Schaaf thanked Rep. Morgan, and recognized Dr. Charles Wheeler, former Mayor, State Senator and GAME Honorary Chair.

Lewis Diuguid was presented the first award by Bambi Shen, GAME board member. Mr. Diuguid joined the staff of the Kansas City Star in 1977 and has written columns since 1987. He co-chaired the diversity initiative at The Star from 1995-2009. In 2004, he wrote the award-winning book, *A Teacher's Cry: Expose the Truth About Education Today*. He published his second book in 2007, *Discovering the Real America: Toward a More Perfect Union*. The subject of diversity has been the focus of his columns for more than 20 years.



Barclay Martin, the second award recipient, was introduced by Dr. Brenda Bethman (Director, UMKC Women's Center). In 2010, he composed the music and helped create the documentary film, *Rise and Dream*, which chronicles his work with young people in the Philippines. As their friend and teacher, they learn their native instruments and then perform in a concert attended by 10,000 people. Barclay also co-founded a hand-washing project in Mali, West Africa, reaching 7,000 children, helping to prevent disease. In 2012, he wrote and performed "So Beautiful," the song commissioned to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the UMKC Women's Center.



We extend congratulations to our 2014 Peace Builder award recipients, for their ongoing efforts in building a global community and promoting peace! Please visit the GAME website: www.kcglobalconcepts.org for a nomination form and a listing of all former awardees since 2007.

At the April 2014 meeting, The Board of Directors approved the Peace Builder award luncheon, beginning in 2015, to take place in January to coincide with Dr. Martin Luther King events in the Kansas City area.



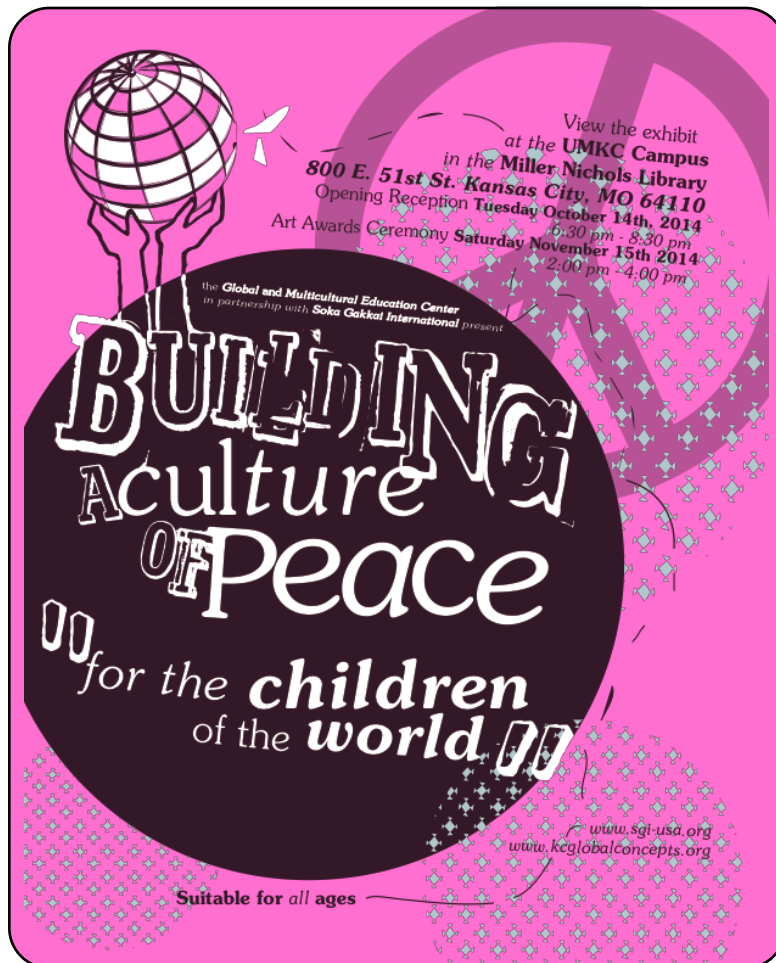
INTERNATIONALLY SPEAKING

"Eradicating extreme poverty and hunger" ...the number one goal of the MDG, appears to be a distant accomplishment. The new United Nations working group recommends extension of the hunger issue until 2030, combining the issue with climate change. The World Food Program (WFP) estimates that one in eight, or 842 million people on planet Earth, are still suffering from hunger, living in poverty and malnutrition, with the majority in sub-Saharan Africa. Achieving a safe and equitable world, the inclusion of poverty and climate change is justified on the basis that "inequality around the globe and climate change" have presented a major challenge to the eradication of poverty. Proponents of the SDGs emphasize the need for universality, absent in the MDGs, with much focus on non-developing countries. This component of SDG they argue, gives the issue more universality, and combined with food security, are crucial elements of the elimination of poverty. The high level Summit planned for September 2015 will review the SDGs and the final version will be introduced.

...Manny Pedram

Poverty and Hunger: A Major Global Challenge

The 2000 Millennium Development Goals is to be completed by 2015 and replaced by SDG, Sustainable Development Goals, under discussion since 2012.



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“Activism for Human
Rights”--the Kansas City
Event. 2014 Exhibit of
“Building a Culture of Peace
for the Children of the
World”--
UMKC Miller Nichols
Library,
51st and Rockhill Road
(Exhibit open to public
October 14 - November 15)**

>>Tuesday, October 14, 2014-
Opening Ceremony/Reception
6:30-8:30pm (Program 7-8:00)

>>Saturday, November 15 --
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Exhibit Closing, 2:00-4:00pm

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