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Concert and Auction a Success in Every Way !

The Artichoke Sandwich Bar was filled with good music, good buys, good eats, and good times when the Peace Center held its fundraiser concert and auction there on Saturday, Aug. 23. Laura Dungan and Aaron Fowler played a variety of folk music and anti-war songs for the capacity crowd who gathered to meet other like-minded people and to enjoy themselves. Also, performing was a band made up of a group of young musicians, Laura and Aaron's son James Paul, Ben Tyson, and Marquee Nunley.

Between sets, attendees participated in a silent auction of baskets made up of items donated to the Peace Center by members.

People who came to the event also had a chance to sample some of the unique sandwiches offered by Artichoke owners Pat and Molly Audley, who opened the bar to the Peace Center for its fundraiser.

The evening was a great success, not only for those who enjoyed the camaraderie, but for the Peace Center treasury. The fundraiser and auction brought in \$840.00.

Thanks to the Laura, Aaron, and their son and his band for donating their talent and to the Audleys for use of the Artichoke. Thanks also to Peace Center director Cathy Benton and her husband Rex for organizing and setting up the affair.

Peace Center Open House

Some fifty Peace Center members filled the Peace House on Aug. 2, when Board Members hosted an open house to show appreciation for those who have donated time and money to the cause of peace and justice over the years.

Members toured the house and visited with each other. Snacks and drinks were provided by Board Members who were there to greet people as they came in the door.

Board Member Capri Zimmerman entered each person's name in a drawing and many people went away with a peace t-shirt, a peace stick, or a book from the Peace Center collection.

It was good to see familiar friends and new faces among those who came. It was even better for Board Members to be able to thank those who keep the Peace Center vital.

Goodbye Susan & Manfred

Long time peace activists and Peace Center members **Manfred and Susan Menking** have moved to Nashville, Tennessee, to be near their daughter.

Peace Center members have many memories of the Menkings and their involvement in our activities and of Manfred riding to our meetings on his bicycle.

Randy Scholfield, while he was still at the *Wichita Eagle*, wrote a tribute to the Menkings that spoke well of their activities in the name of peace.

Wichita is lessened by their absence, but we are sure wherever they are, they will carry the message of peace with them.

**We wish them the best,
Peace Center Board Members**

Half the Sky

from the Chinese proverb "Women hold up half the sky"
Women represent half the world population,
two-thirds of the labor force, receive one-tenth of the world income
and own less than one percent of world property

Peace is a Woman's Issue

Half the Sky came into being some years ago to address issues of women - and then, of course, we discovered *all* issues are women's issues. This as I remember, is what led me to join **Women's International League for Peace and Freedom** - that peace group which came into being as a result of World War I. But, as is usually the case, not all women think or believe alike - it took over 72 years to get suffrage for women as a result of the reluctance of American women to join the movement.

In 2004 I was in County Donegal, Ireland - and the scandal of Abu Graibh broke - soon to be followed by the tragedy of the **Nicholas** Berg beheading. The BBC and RTE news organizations were loud in their condemnation of US war involvement. All I had to do was open my mouth and reveal myself as an American. Fortunately, I didn't leave the US without my anti-war button and wore it constantly - sort of like a tattoo. I was beside myself - there seemed to be no opposition or resistance to these tragedies - that is until Code Pink came into view. They seemed to be everywhere. All was right with the peace movement in the US - safe in the hands of women. They are working now - their main focus on Iran. Thanks **Code Pink**.

The Madres appeared first in Argentina - valiant women appearing in the city square every Thursday afternoon, demanding to know the whereabouts of their sons, husbands, fathers. Many sacrificed their lives. Soon the movement spread through Latin and Central America and it was my privilege to meet with some of them in El Salvador. Courage, thy name is woman. Their stories had us in tears.

Now comes **Molly's Brigade**. Shortly before she died **Molly Ivins**, the intrepid Texas journalist advised that we take to the streets with our pots and pans - demanding we get out of Iraq Now. We are doing just that. Founded by a few women we appeared on the streets the Friday after Thanksgiving last year - on First and Second Streets. Our numbers were (and are) small but we are there. We join other small, but dedicated peace people, including Pete Seeger, around the country. Our message has been broadened to include Afghanistan and Pakistan as well as the bail out. Please consider joining us and share cookies afterwards in the Peace Center.

Remember - every Friday, 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. - on 13th Street by the Peace Center. Excellent company and great conversation!

Pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living - Mother Jones

Mary McDonough Harren

The Heartland Speaks: A Peace Coalition Action

Salina, KS October 13-15, 2008

The Salina People for Peace, Peace & Social Justice Center of South Central Kansas, as well as similar groups are hosting "The Heartland Speaks: A Peace Coalition Action" event in Salina, Kansas.

This event is being conducted as a counter action to the Salina hosting of the Air Force Bombing and Strafing competition dubbed "Hawgsmoke".

The three day event is scheduled to include nonviolence training and workshops on Monday (Oct. 13) and Tuesday (Oct. 14), speaker Pat Murphy, from the American Indian Art Center, on Monday evening (Oct. 13) and a Meet and Greet Peace Summit on Tuesday (Oct. 14) evening. The Meet and Greet Summit will include musical entertainment.

Set for Wednesday (Oct. 15) morning is a Peace Walk that will end at the Salina Regional Airport where the Air Force war games will be taking place. For those wishing to participate, there will be a multi-faith prayer service held at the end of the walk. There is opportunity for non-violent civil disobedience line crossing.

For registration and agenda information check the website at: www.salinapeace.org
or contact the following individuals: **Martin Bates at (785) 643-5334/ email: martinbikes@cox.net**
Janie Stein at (785) 643-5332/ email: hopenow1@cox.net

Upcoming Events Section

Father Roy Bourgeois (Founder of SOA Watch) to Speak!

- Oct. 7 (Tues.) 7:30PM** Bethel College, Krehbiel Auditorium,
300 E. 27th N. Newton, KS
- Oct. 8 (Wed.) 8:00AM** Lorraine Ave Mennonite Church,
655 S. Lorraine, Wichita, KS (Breakfast Served)
- Oct. 8 (Wed.) 7:00PM** Elizabeth Ann Seaton Catholic Church
1000 Burr Oak Lane, Salina, KS



Oct. 18 (Sat.) 7:30PM **Dr. Buddhader Chaudhuri to Speak: Anthropology/Human Rights**
100 Lindquist Hall, WSU Main Campus (Wichita, KS)

Oct. 13-15 **The Heartland Speaks: Glimpsing the Beloved Community**
A Peace Coalition Event hosted by the Salina People for Peace
Quality Inn & Suites, 2110 W. Crawford St., Salina, KS 67401

Recycled Art Show (Nov. 14-22)

The Blank Page, 817 W. Douglas (Delano Area), Wichita, KS

- Nov. 14 (Fri.) 7:00 - 10:00PM** **Opening Night!** (Music & Art)
- Nov. 15 (Sat.) 11:00AM—1:00PM** **Kids Day!** (Grades K-8 can participate in Arts, Crafts ...)
- Nov. 17 (Mon.) 8:00 -10:00PM** **Jazz Night!**
- Nov. 21 (Fri.) 7:00—10:00PM** **Open Mic. Night!** (Bring your best poetry or comedy)
- Nov. 22 (Sat.) 7:00—10:00PM** **Auction Night** (Auction of displayed Art fundraiser)

Nov. 20-24 **SOA Watch Trip**
Fort Benning, Georgia (Interested in going contact the Peace Center ASAP)



Picture for the Season

Bailout Demonstration

Peace Center members joined with Truth Out participants around the country in demonstrations against the Wall Street bailout on Thursday, Sept. 25, in front of Pat Roberts' Wichita office.

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