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The Olive Branch

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Spotlight: Interview with Judi Calhoun, Delaware County Chief Deputy Prosecutor

ME: How did you first become involved with the Peace Center as a board member?

I think they were looking for a community member to be involved. I was familiar with Michele Cole who was the Victim Services Coordinator for many years. Michele and I had worked together, so when they wanted a community person she suggested me. I have a habit of not saying no. I think it's very important at a prosecutor's office (Jeff Arnold is our Prosecutor, I'm his Chief Deputy) to be involved in the community. Not just reacting to crimes and charging people, but also proactive as well. I think it's very important that we do that. When I'm invited to be on the boards and things like that, I always say yes.

ME: What got you interested in the Center?

I see a lot of violence every day. I deal a lot with child molestation cases whether they're physical violence, emotional or otherwise. I think it is important to see someone else promoting the peace side, because I don't see peace. I see anywhere from the very minor batteries, to domestic batteries involving children. I think it is kind of a circular argument. Kids see violence, the parents are involved in violence… it just perpetuates, and the crimes just increase as well. I think that's the connection. I would just like to see less violence. We're not just talking divorce situations; we're talking in our own community. There is violence every day. I don't know how to stop it necessarily, so this is my step, at least engaging myself and saying there are other alternatives.

ME: Are there any programs that the Prosecutor's Office organizes with the community, that help promote peaceful action, or anything like that?

Not really, as a prosecutor's office obviously we react to crime. What Jeff Arnold, our Prosecutor, has really tried to do is focus on domestic violence. It was one of his initiatives when he got elected a couple years ago. We have always prosecuted the crimes, but it has been very tough. That's just an area that's hard. We realize what impact it has on children, and the whole family as a unit. So we are trying to do a better job of focusing on victims, but also focusing our investigation that we can try a case even if the victim says 'I don't want to prosecute.' So that's kind of the focus. Other than that, unfortunately with time restraints, I don't have time to go out and do much activism. The cases never stop. It's not something we go out and promote necessarily, but we do recognize the violence that goes on and see if we can stop that cycle. Domestic violence is probably the best area to look at with regard to stopping the violent cycle we see.

ME: Is domestic violence unusually high in Delaware County?

I wouldn't say it is unusually high here. I think, unfortunately you get a lot of people who don't report at all. If you read historical stats on that, it's professional people. A professional woman is never going to report domestic violence in the house, it's embarrassing. So we tend to see the same type of socioeconomic patterns. It depends on the time of year. Around Christmas time usually the stress is there. They say Super Bowl Sunday is the worst, I don't know. Alcohol involved. So I won't say it's higher than anywhere else, but it is something we have to recognize. Even for us, it's not the highest level of crime that we deal with, but it is important because I think it lays that basis. Not only for how people are treated or how they should be treated, but also what children recognize. We've actually moved into a new felony cause. It used to just be domestic battery was named as a misdemeanor, unless you've been convicted of one before, but now if children are able to see or hear, it's immediately a Class D Felony, which is a big difference. Misdemeanors you can excuse here and there, jail time is less than a year. I think that was the legislature a couple years ago recognizing the impact of violence on the children. Whether they even witness it or not, if they're in the household and are able to see or hear then it bumps up to a felony.

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ME: Can you tell me a little bit about your background? How you got to where you are?

I'm originally from this area. I grew up in Randolph County just east of here. I actually thought I would go into politics. I went to Purdue, worked for the state house for a semester, worked for Senator Lugar in D.C., and decided that I really liked central Indiana. Went to law school at Ohio Northern, came back, and started practicing here doing mostly family law… custody… all kinds of 'non-violent' activity. [Laughs] Did that for 3 or 4 years, actually had my own firm. Then I started doing part-time prosecution, along with having my own firm. I did that working with the city court cases. After about 3 or 4 years, decided that was really my passion. I then became full-time in 2003. Then just recently, two years ago, when Jeff Arnold was elected, I became his Chief Deputy. It's something I feel a need to do… it is something that can actually be helpful. I focus on all types of cases, but I do a lot of the child molest cases. We have a Child Advocacy Center, which interviews kids who are victims of crime, either violence or sexual abuse. It's kind of where my passion lies… to make sure we protect the victims who can't always speak for themselves. But that goes across the board, whether it's murder, or if it's the theft from Wal-Mart. There's still a victim involved for the most part… or the community with the drugs and alcohol. But that's what we see a lot of. That's kind of my background. I've been here, full-time, about 11 years, but in the prosecutor's office for about 14 years, dealing with every type of crime that walks in the doors. We don't get to pick and choose like a private attorney does. I can't say, 'Walk out the door. Sorry take the crime somewhere else.' [Laughs, jokingly]

ME: Have you been involved in much activism?

Not at all which is why I've often asked myself why they want me on the board. [Laughs] I'm not, that's not necessarily my background whatsoever. It's just not me, necessarily. I think I'm really there for the community side of it. I'm there because we obviously see the violence… we'd love to stop it if we can. But as I've said, I've asked Larry before why they want me on the board. I'm not what you typically think of as an activist in any way. Am I an activist at trying to reduce crime, protect our families, our kids, and the community? Absolutely. And that's probably where my activism comes in, is protecting. You have the right to walk down the streets, Ball State, city of Muncie, county, or otherwise, and be safe, and be safe in your home. That's my goal throughout all of the cases we do, is making sure that you feel safe.

ME: Do you have any suggestions for the Center, how we can reach out to the community more?

I think that everyone that works there has a great passion for what they're doing. And the ideas are great. I think there's so many things to do on campus, that people tend to think, 'Oh well, I'll go another time.' I won't do that one. So I'm not sure what the answer is, I think it's in general, in groups sometimes they're all looking for the same thing. They're all looking for, you know, I want to shine for me. Even a few months ago, I did a presentation for domestic violence, had about 25-30 people. Probably should have been more, honestly. We had Victim's Services there. I think it's just getting the word out and letting people know what you do, whether its articles in the Ball State paper, an article in the Muncie newspaper, it is a little part, but they're always looking for things like that. Reaching out, because that's the only way the community is going to realize. Unfortunately, and I'm not just saying in Muncie, but towns and communities that have a college, we tend to think they're separate. We all think 'Ah, that's Ball State. Those are students. When are they going to leave for break?' [Laughs] We don't often merge. I think that's probably where the Center can reach out too. We have some great activism, people who really care… one for instance is the black clergy in town. I don't remember exactly their title, but as a group of concerned clergy here in Muncie, they're great promoters with regard to what else can we do. Even beforehand, trying to work with teen violence, they help with the reentry and they have other ideas with regard to helping them not commit more crimes. So we have groups out there, and I honestly think that if Ball State wants to look into some of those, the students can kind of partner… and that's the best way to get your word out. But there are more resources out there than just Ball State. I think it's a great way to bring the community in together with the Center itself, but also get the Center and the word out. I think one group, honestly, is the churches. It is kind of similar messages. I think so many, at least at Ball State and other colleges, try not to do the 'church related,' but this is a huge area where church is very important for a majority of the people. It is good to connect with that. People might say, well, I'm not that religion I'm this religion… and that's fine. Reach out to all of them. I think honestly in Delaware County, that's probably the easiest way you can get your message, because they are always looking for people to come into churches and talk. They love to band together; they love to say, 'Okay we're going to work with Ball State students this week. We're going to try to do something to promote either peace or stop the violence', or whatever it may be. I think that's a great avenue that you as students can look towards, or the Center itself. It does mesh the community with Ball State. And it's hard… like I said I'm one of those people who live here and drive through campus going, 'Why are you guys not walking at the stoplights? Come on, walk at the crosswalks!' [Laughs] Forgetting I was once a student. But seriously, I think it is any way you can figure out how to merge the community with what you're doing. It helps you as a student, to realize (because unfortunately you're in a little microcosm at college… I was there, I loved it) you're there, and you don't realize there's a bigger world out there. I think as soon as you as students can reach out, the community is going to respond. Muncie and Delaware County is a great, caring community and if they know there's a need out there, or something they can help with, they will respond. I think that's where the Center or even Ball State in general, can reach out and kind of mesh the two worlds.

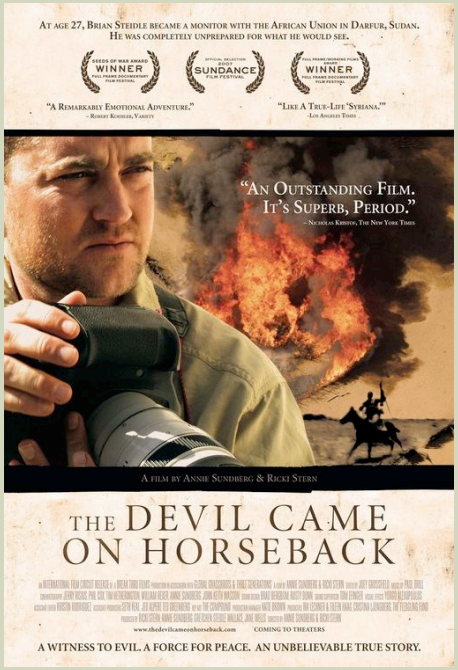
-Ennea Fairchild

Blog of the Week:

Media

Cheri Knoblauch

The whole time I was watching The Devil Comes on Horseback, I found myself wondering if the lack of resources played a role in the success of the Sudanese government's manipulation and the djanjaweed. In Sudan, it seems that the government holds all the cards, such as the wealth and resources, and that allows them to have all of the power and influence over their people. I found myself thinking that the people had so little to work with that they didn't have much choice but to follow what they were told and to live like the government wanted them too. I found myself thinking that the people of Sudan needed help from an outside source, such as the United States, or they would never be able to overcome the barriers preventing them from living a life of freedom.



Then I began to read the excerpt from Addicted to War and started to think about our own country. We are a country of freedom and unlimited resources (or so we think) and yet we have the same manipulation and corruption that countries like Sudan do. In the news and in school, we begin to learn at a young age about the corrupt, evil governments in foreign lands and how the American government is nothing like them. Yet that is not true. How is the Sudanese use of the djanjaweed that different in principle from the American government's use of the media? Sudan uses the djanjaweed to force its policies upon its people so that they can stay in control. The U.S. media is used for the same function, just without the violence. The American public watches the news and reads the newspaper to become informed about the world, so that they can form their own opinion about pertinent topics in the world. Yet their opinion has been predetermined before they even turn on the television or unfold the newspaper. The American public only has access to the information that the media wants to present. We have no way of knowing if we are receiving all of the facts or if the facts that they are presenting are completely true.

While I do not believe the conspiracy theories that were discussed in Terrorstorm, it did help me realize one thing. Our government and other governments of the world, along with the media as their most powerful and effective tool, possess the tools, resources and power to pull those conspiracies off if they saw fit. It also made me think of why I don't believe the conspiracy theories. What makes me believe one story to be credible and another to be completely false? I really have no way of proving one over the other, its mostly just personal choice and instinct that I am basing my opinion off of. But where does this instinct come from? How have my personal choices been formed? The answers to these questions may be the scariest realizations of them all, because my only source of information that these instincts and choices comes from has been manipulated and bought by the American government and the big companies that help feed its power.

Want to know how you can get involved in the community?

Mayor Tyler

Brown Bag Lunch Event

- Who: Mayor Dennis Tyler
- What: Brown Bag Lunch Event
- When: March 21st from 2-3 p.m.
- Where: Arts & Journalism 175

Bring your lunch and join us in discussing with Mayor Tyler the importance of community involvement and how you can make a difference in your community!

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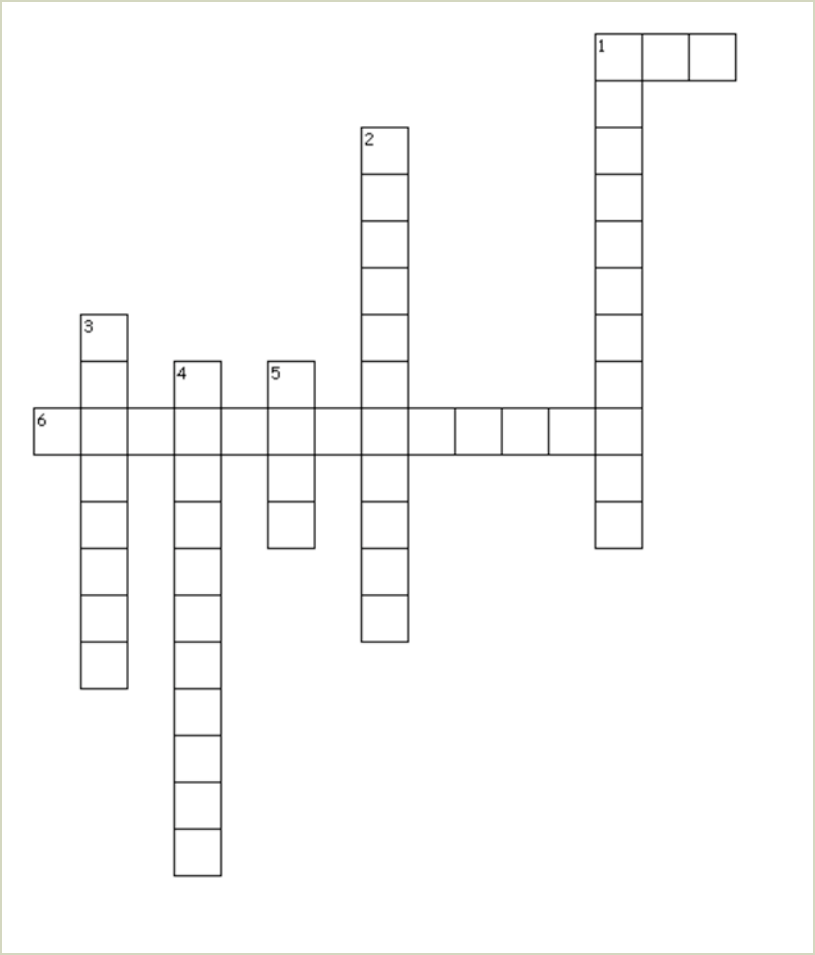
Activity

The Olive Branch Crossword!



Across
1. sponsor of 25th annual Lend-a-Hand Day
6. Free event at IUPUI with nonprofits, government, and community partners

Down
1. type of program that "Living Sustainably within the Atlantic Rainforest" is.
2. Culture exchange's country of the week.
3. Black Issue Conference's keynote speaker
4. March 2-March 10.
5. tension releasing exercise offered in the Art Museum

Answers-
Across: 1. SVS 6. Nonprofit Expo
Down: 1. Study abroad 2. Afghanistan 3. Cromwell 4. Spring Break 5. yoga

On-Campus Events

Monday, February 25th – Friday, March 1st

The Alive Campaign is sponsoring events for Self Injury and Suicide Awareness Week.

Thursday, February 28th:

All day: Live chat; visit the ALIVE Campaign Facebook page here: http://goo.gl/RZc0J

11 am-2 pm: Live Chat Table, Student Center

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm: SafeTALK suicide prevention training, Student Center Cardinal Hall A

Friday, March 1st: Wear blue & orange!

Please contact Carmen Diaz at crdiaz@bsu.edu with any questions.

Thursday, February 28th, 1-4 pm, Student Center Room 303

"Working with Others with Different Backgrounds" is a session in which participants will learn techniques about perceiving needs, concerns, and problems of others with different backgrounds. Daniel B. Griffiths, Manager of Training and Organizational Development at IUPUI will be presenting this workshop. Participants will learn to: articulate cultural and work style differences that may impact work relationships, overcome barriers that make differences in the workplace difficult, and understand processes for working through highly emotional challenges of disagreement.

Register here: https://www.bsu.edu/webapps/minicourse2/course_session_detail.asp?CourseID=8091

Thursday, February 28th, 5 pm

The Social Justice League meets at 5 pm in the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, 310 N. McKinley Ave. For more info, email sjl@bsu.edu

Saturday, March 16th

Deadline: Thursday, February 28th

The Ball State University Black Student Association's biennial Black Issues Conference will be held on Saturday, March 16. The theme this year is "Thinking Globally: Being Black in a Global Society" with keynote speaker Rasheed Ali Cromwell. "The mission of the Black Issues Conference is to educate, encourage, and empower students and community members by providing them with a forum for discussion and dialogue centering on the Black community."

Registration for this conference is FREE, but there will *not* be onsite registration. To register, do so here by February 28th: http://vgncds.bsu.edu:82/forms/studentlife/bic/

For more information about the conference, click here: https://apps.bsu.edu/CommunicationsCenter/Story.aspx?CategoryID=196&MessageGuid=7C9C4172-48CB-41C7-88BB-CA0FA20B677D&OptIn=Y

On-Campus Events

Friday, March 1st & April 5th, 8 a.m., David Owsley Art Museum

Yoga in the Museum Sculpture Court.
Wake up your morning with tension-releasing yoga lead by instructor Sarah Lyttle. Yoga mats provided or bring your own. $10 BSU affiliates, $13 BSU non-affiliates.
Please register early, minimum 8 participants is required.
To register and pay, visit: http://bsu.edu/recreation/instructional-classes.html

Thursday, March 14th, 7-8 pm, Teachers College Room 101

Join the Global Health Institute and The Office of Institutional Diversity for an interdisciplinary discussion of health disparities among minorities. Participants include: Emily Miller (Dept. of Physiology & Health Science), Dr. Jane Ellery (Fisher Institute for Wellness and Gerontology), Dr. Jun Xu (Dept. of Sociology), Dr. Junfeng Jiao (Dept. of Urban Planning), Dr. Carolyn Shue (Dept. of Communication Studies), Dr. Erik Nesson (Dept. of Economics), and Dr. Kerry Anne McGeary (Dept. of Economics).

For more information contact globalhealth@bsu.edu or click here: https://apps.bsu.edu/CommunicationsCenter/Story.aspx?CategoryID=159&MessageGuid=058E25BD-2258-4AFD-B4CF-79DEF0B9B916&OptIn=Y

Wednesday, March 20th, Alumni Center, 9 am – 4:30 pm

Women Working in Technology conference "Aiming High: Striving for Success with Focus and Balance" will include a full day of keynote speakers, panel presentations, and more. Kathleen Quinn Abernathy, Executive VP of External Affairs for Frontier Communications, will be the keynote speaker. There will be a panel presentation, "Big Data: What You Need to Know," with leaders from many corporations. Additionally, there will be a series of presentations about the "Top 10 Technology Trends of 2013."

Click here for more details: http://www.wwitconference.org/

Click here to register: http://www.wwitconference.org/registration/

Tuesday, March 26th Student Center Ballroom, 2nd floor

Annual Ball State University Student Symposium Registration

This is a chance for students, faculty, and the Muncie community to discuss research efforts and view the connection between special projects and education. The most outstanding posters, creative or multimedia displays, and other exhibits will be awarded cash prizes at the end of the day. Every Ball State student who has participated in organized work inside or outside the classroom and was advised by a Ball State faculty member is eligible to register for the symposium.

Click here to register or view the symposium's guidelines: http://cms.bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/spo/spotlights/studentsymposium

Donate to the SVS 25th Annual Lend-A-Hand Day!

Student Voluntary Services is collecting donations of gently used clothing, home goods, new toiletries and non-perishable foods which will be given to Muncie residents in need at the YWCA on April 6th. Donations may be delivered to the Office of Student Life (SC 136) until March 30th or in any residence hall until March 1st. The residence hall with the most donations will win a personalized plaque to recognize their hard work!

Questions? Contact the SVS Grad Assistant, Michelle Kailey at mrkailey@bsu.edu or 765-285-3535.

On-Campus Events

Spring 2013 (time varies), Lucina Hall

Counseling Center Group Therapy

The Counseling Center offers a large variety of therapy sessions that are completely free to Ball State students. Just a few of these groups include:

- Understanding Self & Others- a discussion and discovery of understanding and acceptance of themselves and others
- Journey to Wholeness- a supportive group for survivors of sexual trauma
- Safe Haven- supportive group for GLBTQ students to discuss topics including family concerns, support, relationships, depression, personal growth and more
- Kaleidoscope- a supportive group for ethnic/racial minorities to discuss topics including discrimination, identity of self, family concerns, body image, and more

You can find more information about these and more groups here: https://apps.bsu.edu/CommunicationsCenter/Story.aspx?MessageGuid=a83cc747-5339-43e1-8e42-a9726d5e097f

Call 285-1736 to sign up for one of these free groups.

"Living Sustainably Within the Atlantic Rainforest," Summer 2013 Study Abroad scholarships available

Upper level undergraduate and graduate students may apply for scholarships for this study abroad program spanning May 15-June19. The trip focuses on sustainability and students will collaborate with Brazilian students, scientists, local wise-men, and residents. "Students will design an integrated water, wastewater, energy, building, landscape system; and build a small bamboo research and learning building as a prototype for rainforest education, research and regeneration."

For more information about the trip and scholarships, contact John Motloch at jmotloch@bsu.edu or visit https://apps.bsu.edu/CommunicationsCenter/Story.aspx?CategoryID=87&MessageGuid=58439E06-3405-4694-A3A5-3219127E1DCA&OptIn=Y

Become a Friendship family!

Get involved and become a friendship family!

"The Rinker Center for International Programs is looking for community members that would like to become a "family" for an international student. The Friendship Family Program matches international students with local families and residents. The goal of the program is to provide international students additional support while in the United States and an opportunity to learn more about American culture outside of the university environment. Families and students are asked to commit to doing one activity a month together. Students do not live with the families, nor are families responsible for any financial assistance.

Ball State University recently welcomed approximately 70 new international students to our campus, and many of these students would like a local friendship family. Help enrich the experiences of international students at Ball State, provide insight into American culture, and connect your family to a global experience without leaving the United States, all through the Friendship Family Program!"

For more information and to apply, contact the Rinker Center for International Programs at (765) 285-5422 or friendship@bsu.edu or click here: http://cms.bsu.edu/admissions/international/internationalservices/friendshipfamily

Off-Campus Events

Thursday, February 28th

IUPUI Campus Center room 450 (420 University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46202)

[IUPUI] IUPUI is hosting a Nonprofit Expo on February 28th from 1-4 pm. Students, alumni, and other community members are welcome to attend this free event to meet with a variety of nonprofit, government, and community partners about internship, volunteer, and job opportunities. More than 45 organizations exhibited last year and several hundred people attended.

For more information, visit www.spea.iupui.edu/npexpo or contact Rachel Hathaway at npexpo@iupui.edu.

[University of Indianapolis] Fred Bolden and Dr. James Wolfe will present the "Kennedy Meets King" dialogue, which Dr. Wolfe constructed to trace the growth in President John F. Kennedy from lukewarm about civil rights to commitment to the cause with prodding from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., at 7 pm in University of Indianapolis' Hall C in Schwitzer Student Center at University of Indianapolis, 1400 E. Hanna, sponsored by Sociology Senior Seminar. For more info, email Dr. Wolfe at jwolfe@uindy.edu

[Valparaiso] As part of The Annual Peace & Social Justice Program, Former Neo-Nazi Recruiter TJ Leyden (see below) will speak at 7 pm and a Peace Jam Concert (Cost:$3) will follow at 8:30 pm in Harre Union Ballroom at Valparaiso University. For more info, visit www.valpo.edu/multicultural or phone 219-464-6769 or email Jane Bello-Brunson at jane.bellobrunson@valpo.edu

Friday, March 1st

[Indianapolis] The Race and Cultural Relations Leadership Network will hold its monthly meeting over breakfast at 8 am at the Urban League, 777 Indiana Ave., sponsored by the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee. For more info, phone 327-3625.

[Indianapolis] Women in Black will gather at 11:30 am at Monument Circle. WIB stand together to call for the end of the illegal Israeli occupation of Palestine and to mourn both Israeli and Palestinian lives lost. For more info, email Judy King at timothy_a_king@hotmail.com

[Indianapolis] The weekly vigil protesting warfare will take place, 4:30-5:30 pm, in front of the Federal Building, Michigan and Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Indianapolis Peace and Justice Center. Bring an appropriate sign or have one provided. For more info, phone Gilbert Kuhn at 403-2835 or email Ron Haldeman at ronjane@igc.org

Saturday, March 2nd

[Indianapolis] Community, Faith and Labor Coalition will meet at 10 am at the Unleavened Bread Cafe, E. 30 and Central. For more info, email Nancy Holle at nancyholle@communityfaithlabor.org or phone John Gibson at 525-1856 or Jay Carrigan at 283-2273.

[Nashville] There will be a Peace Vigil on the theme "War Is Not The Answer!" at 6 pm at Brown County Courthouse, Main and Van Buren Streets sponsored by Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (Brown County branch). For more info, contact Tom Hougham at 878-4210 or annntom@hotmail.com

Monday, March 4th

[Bloomington] Peace Action Coalition Monthly Meeting will meet, 7-8:45 pm, in Room 1-A of the Monroe County Public Library, 303 E. Kirkwood Ave. For more info, contact Timothy Baer at (812) 988-1917 or BPAC-peace@hotmail.com

Grants and Fellowships

International Pfeffer Peace Prize-deadline March 2, 2013
Each year, the Fellowship of Reconciliation awards three peace prizes to individuals or organizations whose commitment to peace, justice, and reconciliation is recognized as extraordinary. The International Pfeffer Peace Prize was established in 1989 by Leo and Freda Pfeffer to particularly honor those around the world working for peace and justice.

Walter Isard Award for the Best Dissertation in Peace Science-deadline June 1, 2013
The Walter Isard Award for the Best Dissertation in Peace Science is given every two years. The award honors outstanding contributions to the scientific knowledge of peace and conflict. The winner is selected on the basis of the importance and scientific significance of the dissertation with respect to the field of peace science and its contribution to the understanding of international behavior more generally.

Morton Deutsch Conflict Resolution Award-deadline June 15, 2013
The award recognizes achievement in integrating theory and practice in conflict resolution.

Conferences

Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference: Promoting nonviolence at home and beyond
Muncie, Indiana, April 5 and 6, 2013
www.bsu.edu/cohenpeaceconference
Deadline for pre-registration: March 22, 2013

Notre Dame Student Peace Conference 2013
Notre Dame, Indiana, April 5 and 6, 2013
Registration materials will be available soon.

Rotary Club of Londonderry Global Peace Forum
Derry-Londonderry, Ireland, May 4-26, 2013
The aim of the Derry~Londonderry Forum is to contribute to Reconciliation, Learning and Full Self Expression for those involved in peacemaking and peacebuilding throughout the world.

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The Center for Peace and Conflict Studies is an interdisciplinary knowledge unit devoted to conducting research on various forms of structural and direct violence and conflict, and also dedicated to implementing projects that employ nonviolent strategies to resolve conflict.

Our programs include:

- Mediation training and services
- Meditation classes
- The Brown Bag lunch speaker series
- The Muncie Interfaith Fellowship
- The Social Justice League on-campus organization

If you would like YOUR events to be included in the newsletter, please contact:

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Disclaimer: the events described in this newsletter do not necessarily reflect the views of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

Learn more about the Cohen Peace Conference at www.bsu.edu/cohenpeaceconference