

# PEACE RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

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**Dear Members and Friends,**

**It's been a while since we have published a regular newsletter, but that doesn't mean we haven't been busy!**

**This issue focusses on updating you about a few of our activities since January and some upcoming events!**

- This year is an exciting one for us as we celebrate our 25th anniversary!! In thinking about some ways to recognize our 25 years, we came up with the idea of presenting our partner school, Darnall Elementary School, with 25 books for their library. In consultation with their librarian we have developed the list of books about peace, social justice, tolerance and cooperation on the back of this page. Will you help us reach the goal of "25 books for Darnall" by making a contribution??? *These books can make a difference!* In May at a school assembly, our board chair, Betty Imlay, presented the school with two books as a token of our intention. One of them, "Don't Laugh At Me," stimulated 87 thank you's from 4th and 5th graders in 5 classrooms. Among the responses: "The book was very nice--I have a disability so it meant a lot to me," "People shouldn't be mean to people for what they look like," "We learned more about teasing and bullying people--that it is not nice," "The book reminds me when people laugh at me because I'm fat not to worry, be angry or sad," and "I have a friend with braces and it helped him cheer up."
- In the midst of all the world chaos, we began the year on a happy organizational note when our Executive Director returned to work after a five month medical leave. She reports she's doing great and appreciates all the letters and cards she received. She also expresses great thanks to the volunteers who so ably kept the PRC running, with special thanks to Allen McAfee, Betty Imlay, Jo Friedman, Jennifer Doumas and Z Kripke.
- We are currently developing a PRC website; The basic design was created by Jim Carter and PRC staff is working on adding content. You can see what we have to date at [www.prcsd.org](http://www.prcsd.org). Please check it out and watch it grow! AND, you can now pay your membership renewals and make donations to us online.
- We have also created a listserv for PRC members; it will be used to notify members of about PRC news, volunteer opportunities, and PRC events. If you'd like to one it, please go to our website and click on "subscribe."
- In February, PRC members Anne Hoiberg and Dave Chase represented us at the United for Peace and Justice (UFPJ) Assembly in St. Louis. Approximately 450 representatives from numerous members of the 1,100 organizations that make up the UFPJ attended. Anne reported: "What issue-packed days of decision making and democracy building those were with so many like-minded delegates! While the main pieces of business were related to establishing the Strategic Framework of UFPJ, election of members to the Steering Committee, and acceptance of proposals for UFPJ's work for the next 18 months, the plenary sessions addressed such key UFPJ issues as 'What Will It Take to End the War in Iraq-A Strategic Discussion?' 'Building Alliances-Challenges to Our Movement;' and 'The Artist and Social Change' with Danny Glover, Suheir Hammad, and Tiye Geraud. One exciting news item was that the UFPJ added more than 400 organizations to its roster after the U.S. election in November! Mini-breakout sessions were offered to give participants an opportunity to network and work on numerous topics, ranging from 'Why Demand Nuclear Disarmament Now?' to identifying the local costs of war, strategizing to develop effective 'raids' on the religious right and faith-based empires (e.g., Billy Graham), opposing U.S. aggression against Cuba, ending the occupation of Palestine and Iraq, etc. And, interspersed throughout the three-day program were the music and poetry of several artists and a dance party as well as the story of a survivor of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima....We all came away with an appreciation for the importance of the arts in creating social change."
- We continue to be active with the San Diego Coalition for Peace and Justice, helping among other things to organize the March 19 demonstration against the War in Iraq. We are now working on a September 24 Mobilization to End the War on Iraq. Watch for details!
- On May 22, The San Diego Peace Corps Association honored the Peace Resource Center and our Director with their 2005 Global Awareness Award for supporting Peace Corps goals in the San Diego community.
- Work on our new building continues; on June 4, 33 volunteers from the PRC and Project YANO took part in our annual Work-a-thon for Peace and Justice, doing prep work for pouring the PRC wing's foundation, digging footings for the rest of the building and weeding the permaculture plants on the building's slope. In addition, the work-a-thon raised close to \$1,800 each for Project YANO and the PRC. Special thanks to all the workers and donors! We are further encouraged by a donation this winter of \$115,000! This will allow us to move into Phase 2 of the building. The building has a new website which you can see at [www.sandiegofriendscenter.org](http://www.sandiegofriendscenter.org)
- This year marks the 60th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This year, we are joining with many organizations to sponsor/endorse "Many Stories, One Vision for a Nuclear-Free World," a conference and public witness at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the Nevada Test Site. The conference runs from August 4-7, with a Nevada Test Site Witness in the evening on August 6. We encourage as many of you as can to attend the conference; and because August 6th is on a Saturday this year, please consider coming out to the Nevada for the Test Site Action. More information is available at [www.nevadadesertexperience.org](http://www.nevadadesertexperience.org) or from us. In San Diego, we will hold a vigil in the evening on Tuesday, August 9th, Nagasaki Day, near the USS Midway. More details will be sent out later.
- This fall we will resume our "High School Peace Writing Contest." Students grades 9-12 will be asked to submit essays and creative writing on a peace topic. Let us know if you'd like to help with this project.
- A reminder: The PRC is a membership organization. We rely on our members---individuals, families and organizations for our support! One way you can help sustain us is to not only pay your dues, but to help us find new members!

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## Spaghetti Dinner

includes meat or veggie sauce, garlic bread, salad,  
tea, coffee, lemonade and a brownie

~ Music & Poetry ~

at the Big Kitchen, 3003 Grape Street, San Diego

Wednesday, June 22, 2005 6-8 p.m.  
Suggested donation: \$10 - ?? sliding scale

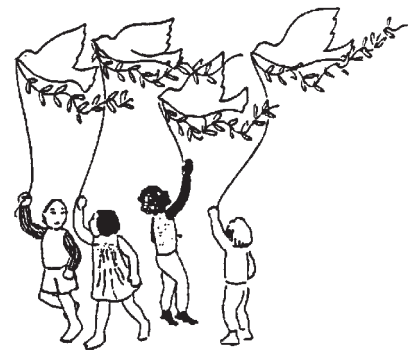
Please buy tickets in advance or RSVP so we will know how much food to prepare  
by calling Allen 619-282-4358 or Sue 858-274-8447.

## 25 Books for Darnall School!!

Below are the 25 books we would like to present to our partner school,  
Darnall, in the fall!

To help, please choose a book and send us a check for the price.

All donors will be listed as part of our presentation to the school!



The Peace Book, Todd Parr - \$15.99  
Rainbow Fish to the Rescue, Marcus Pfister - \$10.95  
Mean Soup, Betsy Everitt - \$7.00  
Hands Are Not for Hitting, Martin Agassi - \$11.95  
Somewhere Today, Shelley Moore Thomas - \$14.95  
The Values Book, Pam Schiller - \$14.95  
Children Just Like Me, UNICEF - \$19.95  
Holidays Around the World, UNICEF - \$19.95  
People, Peter Spier - \$19.95  
The Bracelet, Yoshika Uchida - \$14.95  
Franklin's Bad Day, Paulette Bourgeois - \$4.95  
Franklin Says I'm Sorry, Paulette Bourgeois - \$4.95  
Berenstain Bears Get in a Fight, S & J Berenstain - \$3.99

Berenstain Bears Too Much T.V., S & J Berenstain - \$3.99  
Where the Sidewalk Ends, Shel Silverstein - \$17.99  
The Giving Tree, Shel Silverstein - \$17.99  
The Story of Ferdinand, Munro Leaf - \$6.99  
The Story of Ferdinand (in Spanish) - \$6.99  
Todos Son Mis Favoritos, Sam McBatney - \$15.99  
The Skin I'm In, Pat Thomas - \$5.95  
The Butter Battle Book, Dr. Seuss - \$14.95  
The Lorax, Dr. Seuss - \$14.95  
Yertle the Turtle, Dr. Seuss - \$14.95  
The Sneetches and other stories, Dr. Seuss - \$14.95  
Two Eyes, A Nose and A Mouth, R. Groebel - \$5.99

Please send checks to: Peace Resource Center, 3850 Westgate Place, San Diego, CA 92105;  
be sure to indicate "for Darnall Book Project" on your check's memo line.