

PEACEMAKER



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Congratulations to Class 9!



Our heartfelt congratulations to our Class 9 fellows! Class 9 set the bar high in terms of public seminars. They were the first class to present in our new public seminar format and they did fabulously. They left such an overwhelmingly positive impression that it is still being talked about several months later. The following evening, they brought the audience to tears as they sang an original song com-

posed by Rotary Peace Fellow Martin Villasante from Argentina. As a postscript to their time here, Class 9 unwittingly continued to make a difference in people's lives even after they left. As is not unusual, many fellows left with the center items that were no longer needed or that did not fit into suitcases. Recently, the center donated those items to victims of the serious flooding that has impacted much of Thailand in the past month.



As always, the center is proud to attach one of the outstanding papers from Class 9. This paper was written by [Ms. Nancy Wonch](#), a lawyer, professor, and mediator from Michigan, USA. Nancy analyzed the problems surrounding the education funding system in Michigan and its impact on education standards and opportunities. Please note that this paper reflects personal analysis only and is not necessarily the views of either the center or the fellow's organization.

FROM THE OFFICE

As we watch with concern the recent disasters happening around the world, from the floods in Thailand to the earthquake, tsunami, and volcanic eruptions in Indonesia and beyond, we are actually encouraged by one common element. Hope is found in the midst of disaster as humanity and compassion overcome conflict. We continually see people pulling together, helping each other, and putting aside what once stood between them.

While we are encouraged by this phenomenon, we are also saddened that it seems to take the likes of a huge disaster to bring us to the point where we are able to look beyond the conflicts to focus on the people. We believe this attitude can change, and we continue our work in the hopes of doing so.

Happy New Year from all of us here at the center!

Jenn

Jenn Weidman
Deputy Director
The Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University

CONFLICT RESOLUTION FILMS FOR SALE

A collection of eight conflict resolution films about peace initiatives are now available for purchase. The films by John Michalcyzk address issues of Northern Ireland, the Balkans, the Middle East, South Africa, the mafia in Sicily, a Russian Gulag, and the Berlin Wall. Please see the attached flyer for film details.

The compilation is priced as follows:

- Individual Price: US\$150
- Curriculum Guide (including PowerPoint Presentations): US\$25
- Films & Curriculum Guide: US\$170
- Institutional Price/Performance Rights/Class Use: US\$250

For more information or to place an order, please contact:

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications for both classes of Rotary Peace Fellows at Chulalongkorn University for the 2012 year are due 1 July.



The updated application form will soon be available online at www.rotary.org/rotarycenters. We hope that our center community has already identified strong candidates and is helping them to connect with Rotary and Rotarians to complete the application process.

There is still time to identify more candidates and encourage them to apply. If you have questions or need help, The Rotary Foundation is happy to provide guidance through the application process. Please contact rotary-peacecenters@rotary.org for more information about the application process or for assistance contacting Rotarians.

Your Article Could Be Here

We are seeking articles and news item submissions for future *Peacemaker* editions from our lecturers, fellows, and alumni. If you are interested in submitting an article, please contact us at peace@rotarychula.org. Submissions should be short, maximum two pages in length, and should be relevant to our center and the goal of furthering peace in the world.

MEET THE FELLOWS

We welcome the January – April 2011 class of Rotary Peace Fellows – our tenth class. This class of 14 fellows hails from 11 countries. [\(Read more\)](#)

MEET THE FELLOWS JANUARY 2011



Name: Susan Brawn
Citizenship: USA
Sponsor District: 7930
Current Employment: Arbitrator, USA



Name: John Gushit
Citizenship: Nigeria
Sponsor District: 5510
Current Employment: Senior Scientific Officer, Raw Material Research & Development Council, Maitama, Abuja and Jos, Plateau.



Name: Lorenzo Taylor
Citizenship: Liberia
Sponsor District: 6630
Current Employment: Field Officer, International Alert, Liberia.



Name: Zarrin Caldwell
Citizenship: USA
Sponsor District: 7620
Current Employment: Principle, Global Dreams Consulting



Name: Joseph Karangathi
Citizenship: Kenya
Sponsor District: 5110
Current Employment: Executive Director, Maendeleo Endelevu Action Program (MEAP)



Name: Maria Toro
Citizenship: Brazil
Sponsor District: 4610
Current Employment: Alliance GIFE RedAmerica



Name: Sharon Chanda
Citizenship: Zambia
Sponsor District: 9210
Current Employment: Data Entry Clerk, FHI/ZPCT



Name: Amanda Martin
Citizenship: USA/UK
Sponsor District: 7620
Current Employment:



Name: Cristianne Wendler
Citizenship: USA
Sponsor District: 6250
Current Employment: Co-Director, Kidlinks World Inc.



Name: Jin Joo Choi
Citizenship: Korea
Sponsor District: 3600
Current Employment: Change Manager and Consultant, Leadership and Development Division, Inter-American Development Bank



Name: Thao Nguyen
Citizenship: Vietnam
Sponsor District: 5130
Current Employment: Country Representative, Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation



Name: Teodosio Ximenes
Citizenship: Timor-Leste
Sponsor District: 9550
Current Employment: Project Manager, Care International



Name: Linh Do
Citizenship: USA
Sponsor District: 5190
Current Employment: Asia Regional and Country Director, Worldwide Orphans Foundations



Name: Rabia Raja
Citizenship: Pakistan
Sponsor District: 3272
Current Employment: Director, Sunshine Consulting Welfare Organization

EDUCATION FUNDING IN MICHIGAN: Designed to Fail Conflict Analysis by NANCY WONCH

How can we contrast a school funding to assure a fair and appropriate education for all students regardless of race, ethnicity, geography or economic circumstances?

She wakes up in her suburban home, has breakfast and jumps into her car and drives to school each morning. He struggles to rouse himself off a bed of blankets on the floor (or maybe in a car), grabs the same clothes he wore yesterday and, with an empty stomach, starts his walk to school. When she sits in

her seat in her brand new tenth-grade classroom, she brings a wealth of life experiences: soccer games and ballet; spring breaks in Florida; summers at a cottage on the lake; parents who have read and talked to her in English, her native language, all her life; weekend spent at the zoo or museum. He brings experiences, too; immigration from the Sudan after months or years in a refugee camp; learning English; baby-sitting for his siblings; worrying about whether this will be the night the landlord kicks his family out; worrying about

whether classmates will find out he lives in a car; dreading the summer when he can't rely on regular meals like the ones his school provides except at the homeless shelter, where he might run into a classmate dubbing in "community service", ceiling tiles in his 90-year-old classroom falling onto desks, no way to access materials needed far class, difficulty understanding concepts because of language barriers... [\(Read More\)](#)



Ms. Nancy Wonch, Rotary Peace Fellow: Class IX: July to September 2010.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION FILMS

From Etoile Documentary Group/ Etoile International Production



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***Out of the Ashes: Northern Ireland's Fragile Peace (1998)**

For thirty years, "The Troubles" have caused rifts between Catholics and Protestants, Loyalists and Nationalists, resulting in close to 3,500 deaths prior to the Good Friday Agreement of 1998.



***Prelude to Kosovo: War and Peace in Bosnia and Croatia (1999)**

In the wake of the Balkan conflict (1992-1995), citizens unite to move toward reconciliation and justice, and not revenge.

***Unexpected Openings: Northern Ireland's Prisoners (2000)**

Facing life sentences, both IRA and UVF/UDA prisoners become an integral part of the fragile peace process.



***South Africa: Beyond a Miracle (2001)**

Although the scaffold of Apartheid may still exist, charismatic leaders struggle to find reconciliation, despite high crime, AIDS and unemployment.

***Different Drummers: Daring to Make Peace in the MidEast (2003)**

Five Israeli peace activists propose their ideas to bring peace and stability to a fragmented region, while several noted Palestinians respond to these hopes.



***Killing Silence: Taking on the Mafia in Sicily (2004)**

Following the fatal 1992 slayings of two prominent prosecutors, the citizens of a silence-ridden Sicily rose up united against the Mafia.

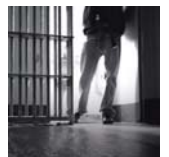
***Confronting Amnesia: Frozen Memories of the Russian Gulag (2009)**

The younger generation, with the guidance of the human rights group Memorial, challenge the old Stalinists to acknowledge and reconcile with Russia's dark past.



***Writing on the Wall: Remembering the Berlin Wall (2009)**

The Berlin Wall stands as a metaphor of the global divisions between 1961 and 1989. A bloodless revolution occurred on Nov. 9, 1989 to bring down the "curtain" on the Cold War.



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