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“Making Peace Visible”

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THANK YOU DOROTHEA AND CHARLOTTE SHEASBY FOR THIS AWARD. I AM EXTREMELY HONOURED AS ARE THE IHTEC BOARD MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD. I ALSO WISH TO THANK MY HUSBAND FRASER MARR AND MY AUSTRALIAN AND BRITISH FAMILY FOR THEIR CONTINUED LOVING SUPPORT.

THIS SPEECH IS BEING SENT TO ARGENTINA, SPAIN AND SWITZERLAND FOR PUBLISHING. THE ARGENTINA RADIO STATION WILL BE BROADCASTING THIS SPEECH TO LATIN AMERICA LATER THIS WEEK TO 30,000 MEDIA NETWORKS. PARALLEL EVENTS ARE BEING HELD IN HAWAII, ARGENTINA AND SPAIN.

At various events between 1993 – 2004 Julia Morton-Marr, Founding President, with the International Holistic Tourism Education Centre’s team have had contact with the following number of times: 10 million students around the world; 6, 822 teachers; 28, 879 schools; influencing their greater communities 1, 553, 670 people; speaking at 90 conferences, meetings and attending trade shows; contacting or visiting many countries around the world.

A COPY OF THE SPEECH HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE IHTEC WEBSITE SEE OUR BUSINESS CARDS. www.ihtec.org

AND ON FACEBOOK UNDER MY NAME, WHERE MOST OF OUR TEAM ARE NOW CONNECTED...

BACKGROUND

1. Teaching and Educational Research in South Australia
 - a. At the University of South Australia for my B. Ed.,
 - i. Geography of Tourism, Coastal Dunes, Water Supply, Marine Environments, Walking Trails, Global Tourism Impacts, Urban Planning Music, Educational Curriculum and other subjects.
 - ii. My final education paper was called ‘Education into the 21st Century’ which was my main focus.

- b. I wasn't planning to work for peace, but 'Tourism as a Vital Force for Peace' caught me in Vancouver, BC, Canada.
 - c. My learning curve has been VERTICAL.
2. No one can do this work alone so I honour the IHTEC team without whom we wouldn't have achieved so much.
- a. Eric Foster - West Humber Collegiate School, Etobicoke School Board
 - i. Bus stop to front door of school.
 - b. Michael Wheeler - Peel Catholic School Board, Peel Peacemakers
 - c. Dr. Jeff Graham - University of Toronto Mississauga
 - d. Teresa Prieto - Mexico and Latin America
 - e. Manuela Godinho - Africa and Toronto District School Board
 - f. Laure Abou-Jaoude - Toronto District Catholic School Board
 - g. Dianne Leggatt - Future Aces; Principal, York Region District School Board.
 - h. Janis Alton - Canadian Voice of Women for Peace
 - i. Louis D'Amore - International Institute for Peace through Tourism
 - j. John Horton - UN Day in Schools
 - k. Chuck Hopkins - UNESCO, Sustainability Education
 - l. Helmut Burkhardt - Physicist, solar scientist, Ryerson University, Science for Peace.
 - m. Anatol and Gwen Rappaport - Science for Peace
 - n. Derek Paul and Shirley Farlinger - Global Issues Project, Science for Peace
 - o. Rose Dyson - Media Violence
 - p. Arlene White and Debbie Whitehouse - Niagara Tourism
 - q. Rev..Jennifer Reid and George Dunkley, Allison Gray - St Peters Anglican Church

INTERNATIONALLY

- r. Australia: John Braendler, Elizabeth Mansutti, Keith Davis, Helen Tyas Tunggal
- s. Argentina: Andrea Mendez Brandam - Positive News Radio
- t. Berlin Germany: Eric Schneider - First website.
- u. Hawaii, USA: John Southworth, Maya Soetoro-Ng, Miki Tomita, Hokulea Polynesian Voyaging Canoe.
- v. New Zealand: Alan Ware, Caroline Ongleo-Calub
- w. Norway: Inger-Mette Stenseth

Others and NGO's

- x. Registry of World Citizens in Canada
- y. Education Alliance for Sustainable Ontario - David Bell
- z. Ontario Parks Association - Denyse Morrissey
- aa. Science for Peace
- bb. Canadian Voice of Women for Peace
- cc. PeaceWomen Across the World
- dd. Phi Delta Kappa

- ee. UN - ECOSOC
- ff. UNESCO
- gg. UNICEF
- hh. UNAC - Ottawa and Toronto
- ii. International Peace Bureau

WHAT HAS THIS TAUGHT US

3. What Peace Work taught us from 1992-2013 - 21 years.
 - a. It takes strong leadership.
 - b. I always took one other person with me who took photos to verify everything we did.
 - c. Build a Peace Plan that is bigger than yourself, knowing that all the daily difficulties will pass. People will come and go, and each person may build their own network.
 - d. Be prepared to work all day and night around the world, up 13 hours a day.
 - e. My personal goals were to:
 - i. Get myself out of bed every morning.
 - ii. Remain well grounded and humble
 - iii. Develop peace programs around the microcosm from my study at the River Murray's Mouth at Goolwa, South Australia.
 - iv. Encourage Education Ministries and Departments to change and re-evaluate all aspects of Education with regards to Climate Change, Sustainability Education and build 'A Culture of Peace'.
 - v. Deliver reports of outcomes of my research to all political parties at all levels of government.
 - vi. Ask other teachers "what have we taught children that has caused Climate Change".
 - vii. Encourage every school in the World and all their children to be involved in their School Peace Garden. Each one will be different depending on their own needs. Minimum concepts include
 - (1) Peace Trees, Sacred Trees - indigenous that grow in soil in your region...First Nations Peace Trees and Peace Pipes.
 - (2) Friendship Benches
 - (3) Food security gardens
 - (4) Path of Peace joining gardens and schools.
 - (5) Create a Peace Plan
 - (6) Contact others from the United Nations to local governments.
 - f. Funding: We had small amounts of personal donations, only \$2000 from the Government of Ontario.
 - i. Do keep working even when there is no funding as there is always something to do.
 - g. Technology - We began before the web existed. Used all the free programs, and master a few good ones for video conferencing and videos.
 - i. Teacher training
 - ii. Meetings
 - h. Speaking engagements
 - i. Canadian Parliamentary Librarians
 - ii. United Nations Students Conference

- iii. Club of Rome
 - iv. United Nations Swiss Mission
 - v. Phi Delta Kappa
 - vi. Online Conferences
- i. Conferences
 - i. Safe Schools
 - ii. United Nations School Conferences
 - iii. Rotarian Urban Peace Conference
 - iv. York University
 - j. Network with others...join other peace groups.
 - i. Attend meetings.
 - ii. Contact your local Universities for student helpers.
 - iii. Speak Positively to others face to face or use the telephone.
 - k. Be willing to work hard as a volunteer....I was never paid.
 - l. Build a knowledge base and research thoroughly...Climate Change on Earth.
 - i. Use mind-maps to get the best picture.
 - m. Never give up (Churchill) but - Know when to stop to let others catch up...
 - n. Follow your Bliss (Joseph Campbell) ... Everything became like a jigsaw puzzle.
 - o. Work carefully brick by brick, check everything
 - p. Learn Public Relations, Public Speaking, Office Management, Advertizing, Marketing etc.
 - q. Have a good Charitable Lawyer and Accountant.

Making Peace Visible - Read from 'Possum Magic' Mem Fox, South Australia

4. World Achievements in Schools we have:
 - a. Art for peace in Lebanon in a Muslim / Catholic school
 - b. Australian bush gardens in Brisbane.
 - c. Bird Houses joined schools together, in Mississauga.
 - d. Bug hotels on Prince Edward Island, Canada
 - e. Boulders from Mines in the Yukon, Canada
 - f. Chickens in Goolwa, South Australia
 - g. Ceramic Walls in New Zealand and Hawaii
 - h. Children's Connection - 13,000 Christmas Cards from Mexico
 - i. Child Soldiers, plant peace gardens in Columbia
 - j. Dr. for Trees with three schools in Mississauga
 - k. Decorated carved wooden peace benches in Norway
 - l. Ecological systems showing relationships everywhere.
 - m. Food Gardens in Huron District Schools, Ontario
 - n. Footprints, joining outside gardens to inside the school
 - o. Gardens for creatures and along trails.
 - p. Hokulea Polynesian Voyaging Canoe around the world.
 - q. Inukshuk's in the Arctic
 - r. Jails have indoor peace gardens in Milton
 - s. Kindergarten, Elementary, Secondary to Faculty of Education at the University of Hawaii in Manoa.
 - t. Landforms in a school garden
<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/geography/landforms/glossary.shtml>
 - u. Mountain schools in Argentina
 - v. Murray River songs in Port Elliot Primary Schools
 - w. Niagara Falls - 5 High Schools include friendship benches and trails.
 - x. Oceans, where schools collect plastics on beaches from the water. Marine Peace Parks,
 - y. Path of Peace, Peace Groves in many schools.
 - z. Principals with peace gardens outside their offices
 - aa. Positive Peace News in Germany and Argentina's Radio Program
 - bb. Peace Rock in High School in California, USA
 - cc. Quebec 5 schools.
 - dd. Reforesting in Prince Edward Island, Canada, Spain, India,
 - ee. Sculptures at the Peace Arch Park in British Columbia
 - ff. Sacred Gardens and Special Places everywhere.
 - gg. Solar Schools with Land and Marine Learning Labs in Hawaii
 - hh. Sri Lanka student now Environmental Manager.
 - ii. Trees are at risk everywhere.
 - jj. UN 50th Day in Schools - 300 registered across Canada
 - kk. Videos from St. Agnes and University Laboratory School in Hawaii
 - ll. Visioneers around the world to be connected by Des and Gerri in British Columbia.
 - mm. Water Gardens in Chatham - Watershed Peace Pathways
 - nn. Whole school is a Peace Park in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory
 - oo. War of 1812 -1814, The Art of the Peace Garden Trail.

Things that happened:

- pp. Mexico
 - i. had to dynamite holes in limestone to add soil for trees.
 - ii. 30 schools in 3 days = 30,000 children.
 - iii. Forgot to come home from Mexico as my hosts had 7 meetings during the day for me....
 - qq. Project was moved by a school when they moved to a new site...
 - rr. Inspired a New Zealand College to create an inter-cultural food security garden for immigrants who had been displaced from their islands, because of the rising sea level.
 - ss. Hawaiian schools who are planting food for the homeless who live on beaches.
 - tt. Still going in Prince Edward Island, Hokulea Voyaging Canoe, California and Hawaii.
- Dolphin two people identify a problem and give support to others.
 - Big Blue Butterfly and flap your wings for peace, to cause a PEACEFUL HURRICANE