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PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

U.S. Affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War

We oppose Nuclear Weapons & promote a Sustainable Environment

We used to joust at windmills; now we advocate for windmills

March, 2009

Dear Colleague:

Western N. C. Physicians for Social Responsibility (WNCPSR) invites you to "Nuclear Reconsidered--the Start of a Conversation", an April 6 meeting starting at 7:00 PM, in Owen Hall, 3rd floor, at UNCA. We, and the League of Women Voters (LWV) are cosponsoring this event with the World Affairs Council & United Nations Assn. Two short films will be shown, each to be followed by discussion and comments from the audience. To set the scene for the conversation, "Building a World Beyond War" will offer rationale for ending war. After a short question and comment period, "Nuclear Weapons and the Human Future" will be the main presentation, followed by discussion. Two of our physicians, Lew Patrie & Don Richardson, will be resource persons for questions. Leah Karpen, member of PSR and LWV, will be the moderator. A member of LWV will explain the League's position on nuclear issues. This event is open to the public at no charge.

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As you know, WNCPSR works to help heal our planet, as a voice working for peace, working to prevent the use or spread of nuclear weapons and to slow, stop and reverse global warming.

Our chapter needs your participation in support of these goals. We invite you to take part by attending our monthly meetings. If you are unable to come, we still need your ideas, your actions at events in which we take part, and your support in helping to educate the public and your help in motivating public officials to act responsibly in these matters of great concern. We also seek your financial help to further our efforts.

We want you to know of some of our 2008 activities. Through the use of a matching grant we raised \$1600 to help with the care of a wounded 6 year old Iraqi girl, Rusul, who came to the U.S. for surgery and a prosthetic foot, her care being arranged by the organization, No More Victims. When Rusul visited us, many of us in Asheville were impressed by her optimism, enthusiasm and spirit. In helping her, we believe we helped our community visualize a human perspective on the unintended consequences of war.

Along with other community events in Buncombe, Henderson & Transylvania counties, we cosponsored UNCA's Center for Diversity Education's Hiroshima-Nagasaki Poster Exhibit during August & October, which advocated for peaceful disarmament of all nuclear weapons nations through increased citizen awareness.

We also joined with Nuclear Information & Resource Services & Common Sense at the Nuclear Crossroads in a 3 day exhibit of the Southern Energy & Environmental EXPO, at which attendees signed more than 500 postcards to Obama, McCain, and others, pleading for the disarmament of nuclear weapons.

We invite you to respond to the enclosure in which we ask for your participation.

With sincere appreciation, Lew Patrie, M.D., Chair, WNCPSR

Dear Colleague,

Please consider responding to this request for your participation and contribution in order to further promote the work of our Western North Carolina Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility (Using the enclosed envelope)

Will you plan to attend the April 6 meeting of the World Affairs Conference in Owen Conference Center of UNC Asheville? _____

Might you attend monthly noontime meetings on 3rd Fridays? _____

Might you be willing to help with our exhibit at Bele Chere 7/24-26? _____

Would you make a tax deductible gift to promote WNCPSR? _____
Amount? \$ _____

What suggestions do you have regarding WNCPSR's priorities; solutions to nuclear, environmental, militarism, other?

What might allow you to take on any added small role in promoting these priorities, e.g. writing letters to editors, writing or meeting with public officials, identifying yourself as a presenter for specific topics, offering venues for WNCPSR presentations with suggested times or days of week, other?

If you have a current or updated E-mail address, please clearly print it, in order to receive our meeting minutes and other information.

Please also provide your name, address, phone number:

We appreciate your response,

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