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Information and Advocacy for Nuclear Disarmament

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Dear Friends of Peace,

As this is our second newsletter, I will try to offer something new, and update something ongoing, and ask again for your patience while we work out the bugs. We also welcome your contributions: complaints and suggestions, or news of your own.

This issue includes a report from our steering committee's participation in a speaker training workshop in Seattle, introduction to the powerful new website of the WPSR coalition against nuclear weapons, of which we are a part, an upcoming event in August, and more.

June 30 Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, WPSR, held its second speaker training workshop, in Seattle. Four of us from Fidalgo Island, Bud Anderson, Lyndon Greene, Mark Lundsten, who drove, and I, were introduced to some very good powerpoint presentations, and received some professional instruction in how to present these to audiences. The presentations are available on this page of our website, and may be used by anyone to help spread the messages about nuclear weapons, such as the fact that Washington state has enough nuclear weaponry to rank as the third largest nuclear nation in the world. We got to practice in small groups, where we got acquainted with some other folks, mostly from Seattle, and shared personal stories of how we came to learn about nuclear weapons and become involved in this cause. Those conversations seemed to be at least as enlightening as the packaged information. I hope we can do something similar at one of our meetings soon. This training will be useful as we try to pass on what we are learning to others who may not be aware of the nuclear danger, most importantly the high school and college students who are inheriting this mess. If anyone has contacts in our school districts, please introduce me.

WPSR just introduced their new website dedicated to gathering and distributing information on all nuclear weapons issues: https://www.wanwcoalition.org/ We will refer to this site often, as it covers many aspects of the nuclear threats, and is the only complete network platform interconnecting the activities of our group and all the other groups in our state. As described in this presentation, Washington has more reasons to be concerned with nuclear issues than any other state. Their new website does everything we had ever wanted to do with ours, and does it so much better. Please check it out regularly.

August 6 is the 73rd anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. This event in Seattle is held every year to honor the memories of the innocent people killed and maimed on that horrific day, as well as the bombing of Nagasaki on August 9.

From Hiroshima to Hope



We will be attending this event, at Green Lake Park, and if you wish to join our carpool, please call, text, or email me anytime before Monday Aug 6. We will be leaving Anacortes no later than 4:30 PM, and returning late that evening. Contact info below. As we approach August 6, we will contact you with more details. We hope to plan a local remembrance here for next year. It is a moment for deep reflection on the state of our world, and worth sharing with friends and loved ones.

Our team is busy planning future activities and meetings, and we welcome your input and advice. We are: Bud Anderson, 360-293-5343, <u>budathome2012@hotmail.com</u>, Lyndon Greene, 360-299-9075, <u>anacomaritimectr@msn.com</u>, Wim Houppermans, 360-588-9256, <u>wh5314b@gmail.com</u>, and me Tracy Powell, 360-840-3826, <u>tracy@nomorebombs.org</u>.

Next month Bud Anderson will report on his recent tour of Hanford's B Reactor.

"War! What is it good for? Absolutely nothing!"

Norman Whitfield and Barrett Strong

