

No More Bombs news-note

Winter Solstice 2020

Greetings All,

As this strange year draws to a close, I would like to look back at some of what we have learned together, and express my thanks and admiration for your dedication to Peace, and Life, and a Future.

We did have an in-person meeting, in February, featuring Leonard Eiger, of <u>Ground Zero Center</u>, Bremerton, and were joined by Carly Brook, Leader of the <u>Washington Coalition Against Nuclear Weapons</u>, who braved a stormy drive from Seattle to be with us.. It was a very informative and inspirational session, helping us connect to some of the groups with whom we share the mission of a world without the bomb. Zain Butler recorded our meeting on video, and it can be seen here. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5GGZe3ZKD8Y Thank you Zain.

Many thanks to all in attendance. We guessed at the time that it might be our last meeting for awhile, but we didn't know how much we would be missing those opportunities now.

The 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was commemorated around the world in August, and we were able to join in a 2 day streaming event, which you can see again here.

We also had <u>our own zoom meeting Aug 6</u>. Thanks again to Zain Butler for recording the video, and Amanda Hubik for so ably hosting our meeting.

Looking forward, as we are all doing now with a little more hope, there is a wonderful learning opportunity coming up in January.

This from our **Program Chair Bud Anderson**: "I am going to take a class for four weeks, starting January 16, from the Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. Kathleen & Julia took this class this summer and really enjoyed it. Here is the information and Joanne Dufour has asked that this invitation be included in your next newsletter, if possible." Here it is:

The Olympia Coalition to Abolish Nuclear Weapons will again offer its powerfully informative — and downright fascinating — 4-session course titled "Nuclear Weapons Nowadays: What You Can Know and Do."

PLEASE SIGN UP NOW for our next course in January 2021.

We are offering each class session twice each week, so you can choose the day that works better for your own schedule. You may choose either 4 Tuesdays starting January 12 (5:00-7:00 pm Pacific Time) or 4 Saturdays starting January 16 (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Pacific Time). The contents are the same so if you have to miss one week's course, you may make up that session on the other day.

If you have taken the course already, please consider taking it again, or at least ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS TO SIGN UP for it.

Registration: Joanne Dufour (206) 550-1841 jdufourhc@msn.com

More information: Glen Anderson (360) 491-9093 glenanderson@integra.net

Another inspiring event, a Zoom book talk will be Monday, January 11, 7 pm

Meet author Dorothy Van Soest and hear about her new mystery, Nuclear Option. Learn about how to use stories to get information about the nuclear threat to people who otherwise would not know about it.

Support the fight against nuclear armament today: the first ten people who make a \$100 or more donation to support Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility's anti-nuclear programs will get a free signed copy of *Nuclear Options* delivered to their home.

Get your copy of Nuclear Option here. To attend, register here

Our next Zoom meeting will feature lifelong peace activist and author Betsy Bell. Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 7 PM. We will send out a reminder a week ahead, so please plan on joining us.

And on May 18 we will have another zoom meeting when we will hear from Hanford downwinder Trisha Pritikin. Stay tuned.

We are working on plans for more events, Zooms and eventually live meetings, including perhaps movies like The Day After and Dr Strangelove.

As always, we welcome your ideas, suggestions, criticism too. These messages go to 50 some people, who at one time or another have expressed interest in our work. As we ramp up activities in the coming year, it would be wonderful to hear from all of you. There will surely be work enough for all. To join in the conversation, just click reply, and tell us what you want to do. Or call or text me at 360-840-3826.

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