Open House!

3274 N. Lee Ave.
Saturday, February 6th
3:00—6:00 PM

You are invited to celebrate the dedication of OMNI Center’s new building! Enjoy music, refreshments, good fellowship, speakers, and tours! Learn more than 35 ways to be involved in OMNI. Children welcome! Handicap accessible building. Mediterranean food provided by Greenhouse Grille! Geshe Thupten Dorjee will bless the building, and Mayor Jordan will also be present to say a few words. Founder Dick Bennett will give a toast with sparkling beverages. Fair Trade coffee & chocolate will be for sale.

Peace Leadership Column
OMNI Intern Devin Payne interviews Founder Dick Bennett

1) What made you want to become a leader in Peace, Justice, and Ecology?
2) Which leader do you look up to and why?
3) Why did you found OMNI?

"My early conviction that our leaders in the Western bloc and in the Soviet bloc were leading us into danger by their obsession with national security and armed force as their primary instrument of foreign policy. These thoughts began with John Hersey’s book on the US bombing of Hiroshima. They were reinforced by numerous influences; for example, hearing a speech by Leo Szilard when I was a graduate student. Between the 1940s and 2001, my education continued about the US Security/Warfare State, including teaching courses on war and peace, and compiling a book, Peace Movement Directory. Long before 2001, the year OMNI was established, I had realized we needed a peace organization in NWA, and it would be possible given the numerous peacemakers living here. Of all of the many peacemakers with whom I was familiar, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mohandas Gandhi were foremost in my mind. They were theists who were also understandable to secular people, together giving us a wide-ranging, strong model for nonviolent peacemaking. My interest in all nonviolent peacemakers and dissenters has been recently expressed by my ongoing calendar of peacemaker birthdays.”
MISSION STATEMENT
OMNI Center for Peace, Justice, and Ecology educates and empowers people to actively build a non-violent, sustainable, and just world.

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What’s Happening at OMNI’s New Building?
The Last Page Tells You How to View the Calendar Online.
OMNI TLC hosts International Peace Dance!

Date: Saturday, February 13
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Location: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fayetteville
Street: 901 West Cleveland St.

Bring your favorite music from around the world and boogie down! (Do people still say that??) This international dance is in honor of Peace on Earth via music, friendship and the sharing of cultures. Enjoy free desserts like vegan cookies, watch and/or participate in international dance performances, and activities such as the creation of a giant valentine in multiple languages! The dance benefits OMNI Teen Leadership Corps, free admission with suggested donation or purchase some of TLC's fair trade chocolates, hot cocoa mixes, and coffee. You can come with or without a date, it doesn't matter. Families welcome!

NadiCinema

Wednesdays. 7:00 pm
104 Mullins Library

Free/open to public

February 3: Corrupted Hands (Iran 2000)
February 17: Looking for a Scandal (Egypt 1973)
March 3: Nina's Tragedies (Israel 2003)
March 17: What is Human Anyway? (Turkey 2004)
March 31: Chronicle of a Disappearance (Palestine 1998)
April 21: Shorts, T-Shirt and a Cap (Egypt 2000)

All films subtitled in English
Fayetteville Community Exchange is our local timebank that is growing fast! If you want to join, check out the website at www.fayettevillecommunityexchange.org and attend the upcoming intro meeting Feb. 7 1:30-2:30 upstairs in the Fayetteville library. If you are already a member or just want to get to know members, attend our social downstairs at Arsaga’s at 2:30. I hope to see you there!

Feeling Left Out?
Get involved in OMNI Center!

Save the Dates! April 16-18, 2010
"Farmworker Freedom March"
Tampa to Lakeland, Florida

For background and more information, visit the CIW (http://ciw-online.org) and SFA (http://sfalliance.org) sites; route details and logistics to be announced soon!

Mobile "modern-day slavery museum" to tour Florida in lead-up to March: Contact us at organize@sfalliance.org to arrange a visit to your school, campus, or community.

Dine with Dignity campaign focusing on Aramark, Sodexo also set to escalate this semester! As the SFA Steering Committee makes final preparations for its upcoming yearly summit in Immokalee to chart a course in the escalating Dine with Dignity and Publix campaigns, the CIW has announced a 3-day "Farmworker Freedom March" from Tampa to Publix headquarters in Lakeland, Florida, this April 16-18, 2010. Start making plans today to be among the multitude of CIW allies and supporters from every corner of the state and the country who will march to demand, in the words of the CIW, "Freedom from forced labor; Freedom from abuse; Freedom from poverty and degradation." Visit the CIW site (http://ciw-online.org) today for all the background and details, and contact us for more info on the march and the mobile museum.
Peter Illyn, founder and executive director of Restoring Eden will be speaking at Mount Sequoyah Retreat Center on Wednesday, February 3, at 7:00 pm. He will be accompanied by Tweedy Malagian, a tribal Christian leader and environmentalists from Papua New Guinea. This event is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted at the door to defray expenses. To make a reservation, contact Marilyn Braswell, Mount Sequoyah Conference & Retreat Center, 150 N. W. Skyline Drive, Fayetteville, AR 72701, 479-443-4531 or 800-760-8126; programs@mountsequoyah.org

Wednesday, February 3, 2010
Bailey Center, Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, AR
6:00 pm Green Faith Alliance meeting
7:00 pm Restoring Eden

For more information on Peter Illyn, go to: http://www.restoringeden.org/about/staff/view

“I did close the School St. location, but the good news is that I relocated and I’m still proudly serving up smiles! My new location is at the Fayetteville Athletic Club (formerly Camilles location).”

Fayetteville Athletic Club
2920 E. Zion (corner of Zion and Crossover)
Fayetteville, AR 72703
(479) 587-0500

Come and check out the new, larger location and menu (even pizza!).

Thanks for spreading the word for me.

Jack
Keep on Smiling!
February 1st, 7:00 –9:00 PM
100 Year Plan for World Peace

February 2nd, 6:00—7:30 PM
Peace Builders Meeting

February 4th, 2:30—Climate Change Task Force
4:00—6:00 PM - Sierra Club Climate Action Roundtable

February 6th, 3:00—6:00 PM
OMNI Center’s Grand Opening!

February 7th, 3:00—6:00 PM
TLC: “Building Sustainably for the Homeless”

February 7th, 7:00 PM
Open Mic Night

February 10th, 6:00—8:00 PM
Vegetarian Potluck
The new calendar includes events for CAT, and is open to additions at any time! Send all events to Amanda, cultureclimber@yahoo.com.

Click the link in your newsletter email, or -

Find the calendar online here:

http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?
src=v0mu7v7bhseaeaguj0hhr3lv8%
40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Chicago