

Global Learning Center Newsletter

January 1996

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ANNUAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 11

The Annual Meeting of the membership of the Global Learning Center will be held on Sunday afternoon, February 11, at 2:00 p.m. at the GLC headquarters in the Multicultural Resource Center at WSU, at 17th Street and Yale. (This is the former dormitory Brennan Hall I. Enter through the west door, which is identified with a sign for the Multicultural Resource Center.) Officers will give a report for the past year, and election of officers will be held. We will then adjourn to room 104 Duerksen Hall at WSU to hear an address by Prof. J.C. Coombs (see calendar).

Some of the present officers and committee chairs were elected last year, and others have been appointed pro temps when others resigned. There is always a group of wonderful people who carry on much of the work "without benefit of portfolio." We are dependent on such people more than ever now that we are operating without the daily full-time steering of our ship of state by Howard and Jeanne Johnston. Please help us eliminate some of our administrative work

by renewing your membership, or by becoming a member, at the Annual Meeting. (If you have renewed in recent months, please remind us and we will list you as paid for 1996.) We believe that we can continue to be a strong voice for global perspectives in the community while we maintain many of our programs and initiate new ones. Please call or write and let us know your views. We do not have time for regular consultation, but we know we cannot operate without the support, ideas, and help of you, our members.

Chair's Message:

INTERNATIONALIZING OUR MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES

The GLC Board has resolved to try to provide an opportunity for Wichitans to hear the music of other countries, and for people from other countries to share their music with the community on a radio program tentatively called "International Hour." In the local listening area we do not have the opportunity to hear on the radio the classical music of China, India, Japan, the Middle East, or Africa. Perhaps of greater concern, the religious music (e.g. Hebrew chants) of non-Christian peoples are not regularly played, nor

are the holidays of other religions marked.

We have begun discussions with the management of KMWU, who have indicated that they would like to include some international music and would welcome ideas. We are at the beginning stages of this discussion, and would welcome your suggestions.

In order to bring attention to some of the traditions of non-western music, we have invited Dr. J.C. Coombs, Professor of Music at WSU, to address our organization at our annual meeting (see calendar). His interest in world music, which he teaches as a course, has led him to initiate various community projects to try to involve people from different musical backgrounds in the musical life of the city.

Calendar Note:

Chiapas & Guatemala

Che Gonzalez, our youngest Board member, recently joined Pastors for Peace as a *caravanista*, driving to Chiapas, Mexico, to deliver humanitarian aid. Tomasa Rosales, Executive Director of Familia Multicultural Center, went to Chiapas and Guatemala to meet with U.N. and government officials and to act as an observer as a delegate for Pastors for Peace.

They are our featured speakers for this month (refer to calendar).

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DISCOVERING THE WORLD AROUND US...

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 9 Tuesday GLC Full Board Meeting 5.00 p.m.
Inter-Faith Ministries, 334 N. Topeka
- 15 Monday Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration 4.00 p.m.
Henry Levitt Arena, Wichita State University Campus
- 26 Friday 'Bosnia' 7.00 p.m.
Peace Center, 1401 N Topeka
Featured Speaker: Mira Mataric
Co-sponsored with Peace Center
Contact: Mary Harren 832-9325
- 28 Sunday 'Chiapas & Guatemala with Pastors for Peace' 7.30 p.m.
Hubbard Hall Room 209, Wichita State University Campus
Featured Speaker: Che Gonzalez & Tomasa Rosales
Contact: 684-1469 or 264-6884

February

- 9 Friday Celtic Harp Concert, Michael Riversong 7.30 p.m.
Unitarian Universalist Church
Contact: Sara Lindsley 744-1177
- 11 Sunday Annual General Meeting and Elections 2.00 p.m.
Multicultural Resource Center, Wichita State University Campus (17th & Yale Streets)
- The Influence of West African Music 3.00 p.m.
Presenter: Dr. J.C. Coombs, WSU Professor of Music
Duerksen Fine Arts Center Rm. 104, Wichita State University Campus
Contact: Dorothy Billings 684-1469
- 25 Sunday Korean Ethnic Dinner 6.00 p.m.
Ah So II, 3002 E Central
Contact: Sara Lindsley 744-1177

March

- 17 Celtic Celebration
Contact: Mary Harren 832-9325

Special Announcement

Arabic Class for Children: Writing, Reading for Fun and Learning!

Session I meets Jan. 20 & 27, Feb. 4 & 11

Contact: Gracia Toubia-Stucky 634-1056

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU
HAVE ITEMS FOR THE GLC
CALENDAR.

WICHITANS COMMEMORATE THE U.N.

Nearly 150 people attended the United Nations 50th. Anniversary Commemoration dinner at the Machinists Hall October 22, and another 30 came to hear guest speakers, Dr. Wayne Howdeshell and Dr. Carol Konek.

Dr. Howdeshell, who supervises a Model U.N. team of students at Friends University where he teaches, reviewed the history of the U.N., reminding us that the U.N. deserves credit as a major force in ending colonialism. Many newly independent nations helped to increase U.N. membership from 50 to 184 countries, and created a majority with which the U.S. did not always concur. Dr. Howdeshell concluded that it is in our interest to pay our debt and to fine-tune our leadership role in the U.N., which represents, as no other organization does, the world's 5 billion people.

Dr. Konek, who teaches at WSU, reported on her attendance at the U.N. sponsored 4th. Conference on Women held in Beijing, China, and on her journey there on the Peace Train. Organized by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), the Peace Train took a delegation of women from Helsinki to Beijing, making eight stops along the way to meet with various women's groups in the newly independent republics of the former Soviet Union. Dr. Konek attended and led a session at the meeting of NGO's (Non-Governmental Organizations) encamped about 30 miles from Beijing. She pointed out that the U.N., like other governmental structures, must focus attention on the perspectives, knowledge, and needs of women if we are to achieve the population control and development the peoples of the world need in order to survive.



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MARCH 4 RECEPTION

PRIESTS FROM CHIAPAS TO COME TO WICHITA

Fathers Pablo Romo and Loren Riebe, of the Diocese of San Cristobal, Chiapas, will be in Wichita March 4 to tell us about their work in Chiapas and elsewhere, and to raise funds to support the humanitarian work they do there.

GLC members had the opportunity to get a preview of the work in Chiapas when Tomasa Rosales, Executive Director of Familia Multicultural Center, and her son, GLC Board member Che Gonzalez, told us about their trips to Chiapas and Guatemala with Pastors for Peace and about the hardships still being endured by the people in these areas.

Reception at Familia Multicultural Center at on Monday, March 4, 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

PROJECTS

GLC PROJECTS FIND GROWING SUPPORT

GLC efforts to encourage the production of an International Hour on radio has been well received by many students and community members, 50 of whom showed their interest in music of other cultures when they attended Dr. Combs lecture (see REPORTS). The delegation of Malaysian dignitaries in Wichita for Malaysian Awareness Week were particularly enthusiastic in their support (see REPORTS). We are expanding our efforts to internationalizing media presentations in Wichita (see below).

INTERNATIONAL CHANNEL

At our annual meeting on February 11, the Global Learning Center membership voted unanimously to work toward adding the International Channel (IC) to Wichita's Multimedia Cablevision.

International Channel brings direct news, drama, music, features, sports and travel information in the native language from Malaysia, Thailand, China, Japan, Kenya, Brazil, Germany as well as from many other countries

around the world. There are English sub-titles so that all of us can get deeper understanding of other cultures. IC also teaches 22 modern languages.

It is understandable that before making a decision Mr. Ron Marnell, General Manager of Multimedia Cablevision, and his Board want to know what interest there is locally in bringing International Channel to Wichita.

If you would like to learn more or help, please call Howard Johnston, Chair, GLC International Channel Committee at 682-6819.

REPORTS

COMBS CONNECTS DRUMS WITH CULTURE AND TORSOS

Accompanied by drums of all sizes, shapes, skins and sounds, Dr. J.C. Combs, Professor of Music at WSU and percussionist for the Wichita Symphony Orchestra, beat and moved his way through several eras of drum sounds to a compelling demonstration of West African drumbeats that have profoundly influenced contemporary drummers. His students gave an auditory display of the West African rhythms that has left a deep impact on many kinds of modern music. Dr. Combs also talked about the intricate relationship between ways of drum-

ming and torso movements, both of which are part of larger cultural patterns. Fifty people attended the program, which followed the GLC Annual Meeting.

MALAYSIAN AWARENESS WEEK & ANNUAL BANQUET

GLC co-sponsored a meeting with Mr. Abdul Wahab Kassim, Director of the Malaysian Students Department in Chicago, who was brought to Wichita by the Associated Malaysian Students of Wichita (AMSOW).

The meeting, which focused on the Education Act and Curriculum Development in Malaysia and in Wichita, was attended by WSU Academic Vice President Dr. Bobby Patton and Associate Vice President Dr. Peter Zoller. The meeting was part of Malaysian Awareness Week at WSU, which featured cultural displays and the Annual Banquet, was represented by Board Members: Dorothy Billings, Hamid Hamoudi, Sara Lindsley, Michael Ware, and Mashitah Yusoff.

The Banquet held February 24, was attended by senior officials of the Malaysian Government in the United States, including the Honorable Consul General of Malaysia, Mr. Mohamad Sani, from the consular office in Los Angeles and his Deputy, Mr. S. Thurai-singam; Director Abdul Wahab; and Mr. Razalee Isa, a senior education attaché from the Malaysian Students Department in Washington DC. WSU officials in attendance were President Eugene Hughes; Director of the International Program Mrs. Clara Hascall, Director of International Admissions and Intensive English Mr. Albert Vargo, and Associate Vice President Dr. Peter Zoller. The GLC was represented by Dorothy Billings, Howard and Jeanne

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Only through understanding can responsible tourists be encouraged to step into the most threatened environments delicately, encounter the most marginal of economies humbly, or witness the most spiritual of rituals reverently. Then these guests can contribute to the success of tourism as sustainable development.

~Norman Carr, May 1995

DISCOVERING THE WORLD AROUND US...

Johnston, Hamid Hamoudi, Karen Schoenebeck, and Mashitah Yusoff.

The Malaysian guests were intrigued by the existence of the Global Learning Center and has pledged to support its campaign to internationalize media in Wichita.

KOREAN EVENING

A world class Korean dinner was appreciatively consumed by 20 GLC members and friends on Sunday evening, February 25. Mrs. Dae Chang opened the Ah-So restaurant for our dinner and served it to us herself. After dinner, Dr. Dae Chang, Professor of the Administration of Justice Department at WSU, told us about some of the central differences between Korean culture, which emphasizes the family, and American culture, which emphasizes the individual. He said that Korean culture is as nonegalitarian by Westerners but are seen as good by Asians. If the person who is the ruler or the parent is a "decent" person, the person in the lower position has nothing to fear. For Koreans, respect goes up and love comes down. It is the aim of parents to bring up children who become "decent." Korean parents, like Asian parents are very focused on their children, and especially on their education.

GLC BOARD AND OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1996

Board members and officers for the GLC were elected at the Annual General meeting held Sunday, February 11, at the GLC headquarters in the Multicultural Resource Center at WSU.

Officers:

PRESIDENT	Dorothy Billings
VICE PRESIDENT	Clarence Brown
SECRETARY	Mashitah Yusoff
TREASURER	Karen Schoenebeck

PROGRAM/ETHNIC

DINNER CHAIRS	Sara Lindsley
	Mary Harren

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR	Gracia Toubia Stucky
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NEWSLETTER/MAILING

	Ermalee Skillman
	Harold Plenert

Board Members:

One-year Term (expires February 1997)

C.G. Chacko
Leland Johnson
Manfred Menking
Signe Knee
Genna Gretsky
Sue Barker

John Pyles
Ermalee Skillman
Kate Spellisy
Michael Ware
Hamid Hamoudi

Two-Year Term (expires February 1998)

Clarence Brown
Norman Carr
Sara Lindsley
Otis Milton
Sam Muyskens
Kenneth Stewart
Annabelle Haupt
Daisy Kabagarama
Che Gonzalez
Wayne Howdeshell
Harold Plenert

Three-year Term (expires February 1999)

Dorothy Billings
Louis Earle
Bonnie Portz
Mary Harren
Vern Jantz
Charlie King
Lana Bennett
Gracia Toubia Stucky
Dona Baba
Karen Schoenebeck
Mashitah Yusoff

Honorary Members:

Howard Johnston
Jeanne Johnston

CALENDAR

Mar 4 Humanitarian Aid for Chiapas (see front for story)
MON Reception: 841 W 21st Street 6:00 p.m.
Contact: Tomasa Rosales 265-6494 or 267-1700

Mar 9 Book Signing "The Drumbeat: Poetry for Crossing Cultures" by Daisy Kabagarama
SAT MCRC, 17th and Yale, Contact: 689-3041 6:00 p.m.

Mar 12 GLC Steering Committee Meeting
TUE All officers and committee chairs and members should attend. All interested persons very welcome.
334 N. Topeka 6:00 p.m. (Note new time)

Mar 15 Polish Ethnic Dinner and Musical Performance
FRI Polish dinner to benefit student exchange. Tickets: \$10.00. Reservations: Pat Herdklotz, 689-8695.
Minneha Elementary School, 701 N Webb 6:00 p.m.

Apr 9 GLC Board Meeting
TUE 334 N. Topeka 6:00 p.m. (Note new time)

Apr 19 ECOTOURISM: Theory and Practice
FRI by Norman Carr, GLC Board member.
GLC meeting room, 17th and Yale 7:30 p.m.

BOARD OPENINGS

Three Board positions were left open at the time, one of which has now been filled by appointment. If you are willing to serve as a Board member, please let us know. There is no limit on the number of people who can serve on committees, and we are always open to the creation of new committees to take care of new responsibilities.



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President's Perspective

Americans who have never left Wichita are beginning to know what world travellers have always known: people from other countries know a lot more about the world than Americans do. People want to know, and they want their children to know, and yet when millions of dollars are under discussion, it is for new buildings, new stadiums, new brick streets, the moving of old brick buildings to new locations, new sculpted extravaganzas named blasphemously "Science Center."

There is never any money for new teaching resources, new teachers, new learners, new researchers. We need a central bank of videotapes that tell the history of people and places, and offer interviews with, e.g. the journalist who was unable to get her story about a massacre in El Salvador published in either the New York Times or the Washington Post; or interviews with the missionaries who helped to found GLC and who told us of the conditions in the Philippines and in Paraguay. Students in a country which operates on democratic procedures must learn that the truth will be hidden, if possible, by forces in power who do not want the truth to be known.

In this issue of the newsletter, we present reports of some of what we have done and what we intend to do. We are few and our efforts are small. We are directing them toward people who already occupy decision-making positions, and who have the authority to make changes.

Who can you or your group try to influence? Can you make a decision that will create change? How can we work together?

Dorothy Billings

ONGOING PROJECTS

INTERNATIONAL CHANNEL

Several GLC members and leaders of other organizations have been active in pressing to bring the *International Channel* (IC) to Wichita. Sara Lindsley has gathered hundreds of signatures in support of this project from various groups: the Scandinavian Club, Germans from Russia, International Baccalaureate Program at East High which is led by Dan Umanski, El Dorado's "Around the World" Celebration; and will be going to Friends of Sister Cities and the NAME

Board.

Several GLC Board Members met with Bruce Powell, IC's regional representative, in March to learn more and offer support. The IC brings direct coverage of news, drama, sports, business, travel, etc. from more than 20 countries around the world in the native language with English subtitles. IC teaches 22 modern languages including English. It is on the air 24 hours each day 7 days a week, and currently serves seven million cablevision viewers throughout the United States.

If you are interested in helping, write Ron Marnell, General Manager, Multimedia Cablevision Inc., 701 E. Douglas, Wichita, KS 67202; or call Committee Chair Howard Johnston at 682-6819.

GLC Student Affiliate Founded

GLC Board Members who are also students at Wichita State University have founded the Global Learning Center on campus, March 11th. They are Mashitah Yusoff (President), Michael Ware (Vice President), and Helene Ndjountche (Secretary/Treasurer).

Internationalizing the media has also been given top priority by GLC(WSU). They have met with other students, who form a special task group, several times to discuss goals and strategies.

Their first act was to seek to convince KMW, the National Public Radio station at WSU, to play world music. A meeting with KMW's Mr. Ned Farley, resulted in a mutual understanding to build an extensive world musical/sound library. GLC(WSU) has initiated collection of recordings (for example: African, Chinese, Greek, Gypsy, Javanese, Malay, and Mongolian traditional music) which will be re-recorded on digital audio tape by Mr. Farley. The original recordings will then be returned. This effort is ongoing and a suitable format for broadcast is currently being developed by Mr. Farley. It is anticipated that a full hour devoted to world music/sounds will eventually be allocated, emceed by students.

GLC(WSU) has also proceeded to collect petitions to help bring International Channel to Wichita. This effort is currently concentrated on the WSU campus but with hopes of expanding to other campuses in Wichita as well.

For information or to join in these efforts, contact Mashitah Yusoff at 683-1594.

REPORTS

GLC Hosts Norwegian Leader

Sigve Brekke, until recently State Secretary for Norwegian Ministry of Defense and now advisor to a leading Research

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West African proverb:
To know nothing is bad,
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Institute, visited the United States in March as guest of the U.S. Information Agency (USIA).

Thanks to our Board members in Rotary, Louis Earle and Howard Johnston, Mr. Brekke was a guest of GLC at dinner at the Italian Gardens on Sunday evening, March 31. Because Mr. Brekke had expressed an interest in "grassroots politics," we invited several local political leaders to join us.

As a member of the Labor Party and Labor Union in Norway, Mr. Brekke expressed particular interest in meeting with representatives of Labor, which Board member Clarence Brown, who is the Vice President of the Wichita Labor Federation, arranged for Monday, April 1. Clarence introduced him to Teamster's Business Agent Chuck Mosqueda, C.W.A. President Bob Bailey, and Wichita-Hutchinson Labor Federation of Central Kansas AFL-CIO. He also visited churches and homes, and talked with business leaders and with faculty at WSU.

Ecotourism: Theory & Practice

The term "ecotourism" has been around since the 1970's, long enough to become controversial, "murkey" and "sexy" for those who are marketing tourism, according to Norman Carr. Our former newsletter editor gave an overview of the problems and issues he studied for his Master of Liberal Studies degree at WSU when he addressed a GLC audience which included some experienced ecotourists and Sierra Club members at GLC Headquarters in the Multi-Cultural Resource Center on April 19, 1996.

Norman is interested in tourism as sustainable development, and has studied its impact on the most marginal of communities, whether whole nations or minorities within nations. Development usually proceeds on a Western, Eurocentric model, is "top down" and lacks involvement of local people in decision-making. Developers usually measure success in quantitative terms, e.g. "GNP," or gross national product. Often, Norman told us, the people would prefer a qualitative measure of life: "They would prefer to become more, not to get more."

Some people have suggested that the consumer-servant model of tourism needs to be reconceptualized as a host-guest

relationship, which gives responsibilities to everyone to show consideration and respect. ☞

CALENDAR

May 2 <i>Thursday</i>	Pastors for Peace Food available. Familia Multicultural Center, 841 W. 21st. Contact: Tomasa Rosales at 267-1700.	6:00-8:00 p.m.
May 5 <i>Sunday</i>	Cinque de Mayo	
May 7 <i>Tuesday</i>	Haiti by Rev. Sam Muyskens & Dr. Manfred Menking (A videotaped program is planned for July) 334 N. Topeka Suite 101 Contact: 264-9303	7:00 p.m.
May 10 <i>Friday</i>	"War on Drugs, War on People" Lecture on his book by Steve Otto GLC Meeting Room, 17th and Yale	7:30 p.m.
May 14 <i>Tuesday</i>	GLC Steering Committee Officers, committees, please attend. All members welcome. 334 N. Topeka Suite 101	6:00 p.m.
May 16 <i>Thursday</i>	Ethnic Dinner: Korea with World Trade Club at the Olive Tree Call Dr. Dharma DeSilva for reservations, 689-3716	6:00 p.m.
May 25 <i>Saturday</i>	Irish Music by Tom Sullivan (Celtic Circle) Wichita Boathouse Contact: Mary Harren at 832-9325	7:00 p.m.
June 1 <i>Saturday</i>	Fifth Annual Multiculture Celebration Linwood Park, 1901 S. Kansas Contact: Margarita Hunt at 942-9878.	9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
June 9 <i>Sunday</i>	Ethnic Dinner: India (\$12) Passage to India (moving - check address) "Trees for Life Volunteers in India" Featured speakers: Phil and Kathy Miller (No charge for program) Contact: Sara Lindsley at 744-9449.	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
June 11 <i>Tuesday</i>	GLC Board Meeting 334 N. Topeka Suite 101	6.00 p.m.



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ONGOING PROJECTS

INTERNATIONAL CHANNEL

Despite the summer lull, efforts to bring *International Channel (IC)* to Wichita are moving ahead. Board members, Sara Lindsley and Mashitah Yusoff reported that, with the help of students, they had obtained over 400 names on petitions to Multimedia TV.

Tim Beckboysnov, a Kazakhstan exchange student working in communications, attended the June 11 GLC Board meeting where he expressed enthusiasm for IC and agreed to circulate petitions.

There is a good chance that Multimedia will bring the International Channel to Wichita if we can demonstrate that there is widespread interest in the 22 languages (including English) it teaches and in the direct native language broadcasts it would bring to our living rooms. Wichita would then join many other cities in cultivating a fuller understanding of other cultures.

Call Howard Johnston, Chair of GLC's IC Committee at 682-6819, if you are interested or have questions.

GLC(WSU)

GLC (WSU) continue in its efforts to help promote cultural variety on campus starting with providing Eastern classical music resources to KMWJ (WSU's public radio station). It is likely that a program format reflecting broader musical appreciation will be developed appealing to a large cross-section of our increasingly diverse WSU and Wichita community.

Additionally, GLC(WSU) is arranging a number of forum and talks during the upcoming academic year.

To keep the student body and local community informed of our events, GLC(WSU) is preparing to launch its own homepage on the Internet in the very

near future. The address of our site will be announced in the next issue of this newsletter.

For information or to join in any of these efforts, contact Mashitah Yusoff, 683-1594.

REPORTS

Pastors for Peace: On May 2, a few GLC members joined the Familia Multicultural Center in welcoming three young people who were on their way from Minneapolis to Chiapas in a big bus loaded with supplies.

Farewell to Che and Tomasa: Several GLC members joined with others June 14 in a farewell sendoff at Tall Oaks Clubhouse for GLC Board member Che Gonzalez and his mother, Familia Multicultural Center Executive Director Tomasa Rosales. They are returning to Washington D.C. where they will continue their important work. GLC will keep in touch.

Haiti: GLC heard a preliminary report on their trip to Haiti by GLC Board Members Dr. Manfred Menking and Rev. Sam Muyskens. Manfred brought photographs and told us how impressed he is with the dedication and good work of the Haitian people with whom they lived and worked. Conditions for health are difficult: resources are few, water scarce, equipment and medicines sparse. In the fall we will schedule a major event and the showing of a videotape they made. Those who wish to help or who want to know more before then may call Rev. Muyskens at Inter-Faith Ministries.

Korean Night, World Trade Club: Eight GLC members attended the Korean World Trade Club evening at The Olive Tree on May 16. Both Korean and American representatives of business talked about the importance of trade between our countries, for economic well being and the larger conditions of peace and social justice fostered by international

trade. Anyone is welcome to join the World Trade Club. Call Dr. Dharma DeSilva, 689-3716.

Labor Union Leader in Wichita: GLC Board member Clarence Brown, who is Vice-President of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Labor Federation, invited GLC Board members to a public town hall on June 8 with John Sweeny, President of the AFL-CIO. At this meeting, held at the Machinists Hall, we heard stories from the other side of international trade, from those who think that American jobs are taken by people in other countries or by illegal immigrants to this country. Wichita was privileged to have a visit from the top labor leader in the country.

Butler County Multicultural Day: GLC Board members Sara Lindsley and Ermalee Skillman set up a GLC display at the Butler County Community College Multicultural celebration held in May.

Indian Ethnic Dinner with Trees For Life Volunteers: An Indian Ethnic Dinner featuring Phil and Kathy Miller of Trees for Life was held Sunday, June 9th, at The Maharaja restaurant on North Carriage Parkway.

Phil and Kathy Miller, who had spent six months in India, presented an informative and touching report on the work being done by Trees for Life Volunteer. Their slides depict the often adverse environment that the people in some parts of India are living in and how they, aided by resources that Trees for Life provide in the form of training and seeds and plants, are improving their environment, their production of agricultural products, and their lives.

The dinner preceeding the presentation consisted of many Indian favorites, of the vegetarian and non-vegetarian variety. Thirty people were in attendance and it was a tremendous opportunity to renew old friendships and start new ones.

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"Biar mati anak, jangan mati adat."
~Malay saying

DISCOVERING THE WORLD AROUND US

President's Perspective

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever does." This now widely-quoted, post-carded, buttoned and T-shirted claim asserted by Margaret Mead expresses her faith, and ours, that something can be done; and that we can do it. But what? and toward what end?

The Malay saying quoted and explained in this newsletter tells us that people value their customs, their culture, beyond life itself. In the long run, Margaret Mead would tell us, this is because culture has survival value; but it also makes life worth living. When your culture is diminished or allowed to die, you also are diminished or allowed to die; if not biologically, at least as a person of historical substance. That is why interethnic wars structure the storyline of our history books, and of our lead articles in today's newspaper.

We live in a city blessed with substantial populations of people who were here first, and people who came from Lebanon, Vietnam, India, Cambodia, Ireland, various African nations, Israel, Pakistan, Laos, China, Latin American countries, the Philippines, Germany, Mexico, Japan, Turkey, Palestine, and many more. But when we tune in to National Public Radio, we hear the classical music of Germany, some other European countries, and America. What happened to the rest of the world? We may be left to assume that they do not have classical music, but of course they do!

My unscientific but convincing survey of the situation indicates that this is the case everywhere in the United States, including New York and Los Angeles. Mainstream radio stations are European, and other ethnic groups may create their own radio stations.

We could be the first, right here in Wichita, to include the classical music of Asia and Africa in mainstream classical radio programs. We can be that small group of committed people that gets something done.

Dorothy Billings

CALENDAR

- June 30** **Polish Students Potluck Picnic** 5 - 8 p.m.
Sunday Pen Pals return visit to Wichita.
Watson Park, 3055 South Lawrence Rd.
Contact: Rev. Patt Herdclotz, 689-8695 after 5:30 p.m.
- July 4** **Potluck Dinner for Polish Students** 5:00 p.m.
Thursday At the Bricker Host Family home,
235 North Berniece.
 If you want to watch fireworks from Century II balcony with the group at 8:00 p.m., arrangements can be made.
Contact: Rev. Patt Herdclotz, 689-8695 after 5:30 p.m.
- July 9** **GLC Steering Committee** 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday All Board members, members and visitors welcome.
Inter-Faith Ministries, 334 North Topeka.
- July 14** **Ethnic Dinner: France** 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Celebrate Bastille Day in honor of Wichita's French Sister City, Orleans. Sponsored by *Friends of Sister Cities.*
14516 East Pawnee (just east of 143rd and Pawnee).
 Music, French food, wine, dancing under the stars.
 \$12 per person (\$15 at the door). Reservations by July 12.
Contact: Pat Hodges, 268-4331 (City Hall) or
Carla, 722-9088 (after 5:30 p.m.)
- July 20** **Welsh Heritage Journey** 7:00 p.m.
Saturday by James & Annabelle Haupt.
 GLC Meeting Room, MCRC - 17th & Yale Streets
Contact: Annabelle Haupt, 264-4197.
- *There will be no Board Meeting in August. Full Board will meet Tuesday, September 10th at 6:00 p.m.**
- Aug 23** **Ethnic Dinner: China** 6:30 p.m.
Friday China Town, 3236 North Rock Road.
 Meal is \$12. There is no charge for the following presentation:
"A Visit to China" 7:30 p.m.
 by Dr. Tom & Lois Ruby.
Contact: Sara Lindsley, 744-9449.

Special Request

Host families are needed for 11 students from Cancun who want to attend High School in Wichita during the 1996-97 academic year. For one semester or two.
Contact: Lana Bennett, 682-6391 or East High School Spanish teacher David Shelly, 689-8908.

Translation

The Malay saying, "*Biar mati anak, jangan mati adat*" translates into "*Let the child perish so the custom may prevail.*"

Invitation

If you would like to write an article for the newsletter, please contact 683-1594.



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51st Anniversary Commemoration Of The United Nations

"Nuclear Proliferation and Efforts Toward Abolition of Nuclear Weapons"

Robert K. Musil, Ph.D., Executive Director of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR), is the keynote speaker for a program to commemorate the 51st anniversary of the United Nations. He will discuss efforts toward abolition of nuclear weapons.

Dr. Musil is an expert on past and present negotiations of nuclear issues within the United Nations. He has been intimately involved with PSR -- the U.S. affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, an organization which received the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize -- and related non-governmental organizations in promoting the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and the 1996 permanent extension of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. In this effort he attended the 1995 Geneva Conference on Disarmament together with President Carter's chief arms control negotiator, Ambassador Paul Warnke.

Wayne Howdeshell, Ph.D., will also present a brief overview of the United Nations: the past, present and future. Please plan to attend this informative presentation and commemorate the anniversary of the United Nations.

Speakers: Robert K. Musil
Wayne Howdeshell
Date: Thursday, October 24, 1996
Time: Reception, 7:00 p.m.
Program, 7:30 p.m.
Place: East Heights United Methodist Church
4407 East Douglas, Wichita

The following organizations are among the evening's co-sponsors:

The Global Learning Center	Inter-Faith Ministries
Physicians for Social Responsibility	Wichita UNICEF
The Peace & Social Justice Center of South Central Kansas	

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UNITED NATIONS DAY

Dr. Robert Musil, Ph.D., Executive Director of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) will speak on the anniversary of the United Nations about "Nuclear Proliferation" a subject on which Dr. Musil is an expert. PSR is headquartered in Washington, D.C. and led in Wichita by Dr. Manfred Menking. It is the U.S. Affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, an organization which is the recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize.

Date: Thursday, October 24, 1996
Time: 7:30 p.m. (Reception at 7:00)
Place: ~~Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1938 N. Webb Road~~
lower level Fellowship Hall East Heights
U.M. Church 4407 E. Douglas

UPCOMING EVENTS

HAITIAN LEADER VISITS WICHITA

Reverend Dantus Louis, Administrator of the Evangelical Baptist School in Lambert, Haiti, will speak here about his work September 11.

Rev. Louis has been the main liaison in Haiti for contributions from the Wichita area, led by Rev. Sam Muyskens. During the past year, Rev. Louis has coordinated a major project to plant trees, initiated by Wichita-based Trees for Life. Rev. Louis hosted Rev. Muyskens and Dr. Manfred Menking when they visited Haiti last summer.

Rev. Louis will speak in Room 211, Hubbard Hall, WSU at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 11. The speech is sponsored by the WSU student GLC.

SOUTHERN SUDAN

Francis Lupai is our speaker on Sunday, September 22 at the Peace House. Francis

is from Sudan and is currently completing graduate work.

A VISIT TO CHINA

This Ethnic Dinner event is postponed from August. Dr. Tom and Lois Ruby will talk about the interesting people they met on their trip to China last summer. Refer to calendar for detail.

A FALL P.I.E.

GLC(WSU) has arranged a forum on perceptions, impressions, and expressions, hence, *PIE*. The Fall *PIE* will focus on Africa. Our panel will consist of students, faculty and professionals from Africa. Refer to the calendar for details. Again, everyone is welcome as audience or participant.

And, we are still working on our Web page, so stay tuned.

REPORTS

♦James and Annabelle Haupt celebrated Annabelle's birthday and their 60th wedding anniversary with a trip to Wales. Accompanied by family members, they

went to the town which Annabelle's father left to come to America, where they were given a warm welcome by the mayor.

The Haupts shared their slides and stories at a GLC-sponsored program "A Welsh Heritage Journey" in July.

♦Clarence Brown, GLC Vice President, talked about his life in the labor union movement at the Unitarian Universalist Church, Sunday September 1.

Clarence worked for the railroad, and is now Vice President of the Wichita Sedgwick County Federation of Labor.

ONGOING PROJECT:

INTERNATIONAL CHANNEL

Those who would like to obtain direct news, travel, and sports broadcasts from many countries in their native language and would like instruction in a variety of languages, please join our effort to bring the International Channel to Wichita. Other cities have it; why shouldn't we?

Call Howard Johnston, Chair of GLC's IC Committee at 682-6819 or better yet, call Multimedia Cablevision at 262-4270.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Our quote in this edition of the GLC Newsletter may be familiar to some of you. Mao said, "It's too early to tell" when he was asked, "Do you think the French Revolution was successful?" He is reminding us that social reforms have consequences, intended and unintended, that reach across the decades and centuries into lives none of us will ever see. He is reminding us that those who are quick to say that communism/socialism has failed and that capitalism has won are looking only at the current fleeting situation. We in the West tend to see only a short time ahead, and to think that only trends that are dominant at the moment have been fit to survive.

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"It's too early to tell."

~Chairman Mao

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Mao's answer may be seen as an example of typically Asian long-sightedness, a characteristic contrast with Western thinking widely known to Asians but not to Western diplomats or business people. Following the lead of Dutch researcher Geert Hofstede, who surveyed 50,000 workers for IBM all over the world, students of cross-cultural similarities and differences have found that "long-sightedness/short-sightedness" is one of five major dimensions of values along which all cultures can be described: individualism/collectivism, power distance (i.e. the preference for hierarchy or egalitarianism), insecurity avoidance (i.e. lots of rules or few rules), masculinity/femininity and short-term/long-term orientations. Hofstede acknowledges that he did not see this last dimension, not included in the original summary of his work, and it was discovered later by his colleagues working in Asia. Business, government and professional people on both sides of the cultural divide have increasingly become aware of their contrasting expectations. Westerners think in terms of months, Asian think in terms of years.

Mao's lesson in long-sightedness, which reflects the perspectives of a large percentage of the world's people, is perhaps a good one for us to keep in mind as we celebrate the birthday of the United Nations in October. It reminds us that without the many efforts, large and small, made by many people over the last century we would not have an international organization through which to channel our understanding and our work. The problems we all face of rapidly expanding population, the migrations and mixing of people and cultures, decreasing natural resources, spread of nuclear weapons, environmental pollution, on-going conflicts and war, and so on, require efforts within an international framework. But is the United Nations successful? It may be too early to tell, but it is not too early to know that if we did not have the United Nations, we would have to have something else very much like it.

Note: Comments and contribution of articles, ideas, and calendar items are always welcome.
Call 683-1594.

CALENDAR

Sept 7 **Standing up in America's Heartland**
Saturday A play sponsored by the N.A.A.C.P.
Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door
Orpheum Theater, 301 E. 1st
Contact: 264-2474 or 729-7356 **7:00 p.m.**

Sept 10 **GLC Full Board Meeting**
Tuesday Members and visitors welcome.
Inter-Faith Ministries. **6:00 p.m.**

Sept 11 **"Haiti" by Rev. Dantus Louis**
Wednesday Wichita State University Hubbard Hall Room 211
Contact: 683-1594 **7:30 p.m.**

Sept 22 **"Southern Sudan" by Francis Lupai**
Sunday Peace House, 1407 N Topeka
Contact: Pat Cameron, 263-5886 **7:30 p.m.**

The week of September 23rd is WSU's Diversity Week. Many activities are planned. Call Board Member Signe Knee at WSU-3034 or 3041.

Sept 28 **The U.N. Women's Conference -One Year Later**
Saturday A conference sponsored by WSU Center for Women Studies
Wichita State University Wiedemann & Hubbard Halls
Contact: Carol Wolfe Konek, 978-3100. **8:30 a.m. - 4:40 p.m.**

Sept 29 **Ethnic Dinner: China**
Sunday China Town, 3236 N Rock Road.
Meal is \$12. There is no charge for the after dinner presentation:
"A Visit to China" by Dr. Tom & Lois Ruby
Contact: Sara Lindsley, 744-9449. **6:00 p.m.**

Oct 4-6 **Oktoberfest**
Fri-Sun Farm & Art Market, Old Town
Fri 6 pm-11 pm/Sat 10 am-Midnight/Sun 11 am-6 pm
Contact: Sara Lindsley, 744-9449.

Oct 10 **GLC Steering Committee Meeting**
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Oct 18 **GLC(WSU) Fall PIE: Focus on Africa**
Friday Wichita State University Hubbard Hall Room 208
Contact: Helene Ndjountche, 684-3013. **7:30 p.m.**

Oct 24 **United Nations Day: "Nuclear Proliferation" by Dr. Robert Musil**
Thursday ~~Eastminster Presbyterian Church, 1958 N Webb~~ **East Heights**
~~Lower Fellowship Hall (Reception at 7:00) U.M. Church~~
Contact: Mary Harren, 942-6630. **7:30 p.m.**

Oct 26 **16th Annual Asian Festival**
Saturday Sponsored by the Wichita Asian Association
Century II Convention Hall
Contact: 689-8729. **5-9 p.m.**



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PERSPECTIVE: UNITED NATIONS' DAY

On October 24, the world will commemorate the founding of the United Nations 51 years ago. Many of us are so concerned with local affairs that we fail to see distant horizons. Dag Hammarskjöld who left his mark on the United Nations said, "Never look down to test the ground before taking your next step; only he who keeps his eye fixed on the far horizon will find his right road."

Fortunately we have a City Council and a County Commission who see the connections between the local and the global. The proclamations issued at their meetings on October 15th and 16th testify to this.

An event on the evening of October 24th is open to the public and free of charge. It offers an opportunity for all of us to discuss our options. See the calendar and the enclosure for details.

Howard Johnston

specialities. The goal of the conference is to develop and implement solutions when working with both the victim and the offender in domestic violence cases. A number of organizations directly or indirectly involved with the cases will be represented.



REPORTS

"A VISIT TO CHINA"

Dr. Tom and Lois Ruby entertained and enlightened some 35 Global Learning Center members and friends after a delicious Chinese meal at the China Town Restaurant on Rock Road, September 29. Lois said she had dreamed all her life of visiting China. Now her dream has been realized in ways that provide lots of material for the children's books she writes.

She and Tom did what all travelling abroad should do; they read many books on their destination and worked hard at learning the language.

It was amazing what they were able to see, do and learn during the three short weeks of their trip. Although they were part of a travel group they had several opportunities to break away and mingle freely with the Chinese people whom they found very curious, friendly and responsive. Their trip down the Yangtze was a highlight but the most memorable experience was their side trip to the former Jewish settlements in Shanghai. Little is known about the thousands of Jews who fled Hitler and then Stalin to form Chinese communities which were de-



UPCOMING EVENT

C.U.P.- Domestic Violence and Restorative Justice

Getting Beyond Imprisonment: Restorative Solutions is the topic of the 16th annual Churches United for Peacemaking conference on Saturday, November 23. The conference, beginning with the 9 a.m. registration and

ending at 3:15 p.m., will be held at the University United Methodist Church, 21st and Yale, just north of Wichita State University.

Shawna Mobley, Director of Correction Counseling of Kansas and Dr. Delores Craig, Assistant Professor at the Hugo Wall School at Wichita State University, will be keynote speakers. Both are well known throughout this region of the country for their knowledge of correctional systems and models for their improvement.

The afternoon will feature a panel of leaders with diverse backgrounds and

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nied full citizenship rights. So far as the Rubys could tell, all of these Jews have now emigrated again to Israel and other parts of the world.

Their guide was excellent both in her command of English and in her knowledge and openness. The Rubys had no political objectives so heard little of the repercussions from the United Nations Conference on Women held last year in the Beijing area. Their goal was to learn about the Chinese people themselves in their struggles to take on Western ways yet retain what is best in their traditions.

Es lebe das Oktoberfest!

(Long live Oktoberfest!)
The weather and the media (radio and t.v.) all contributed to the great success of the 19th annual Oktoberfest. A crowd of 8,000 lucky people celebrated for the third year in the Old Town Farm & Art Market, October 4, 5, and 6.
GLC had a booth at the Oktoberfest soliciting members, French and German students for language classes, signatures for the International Cable Channel as well as the German partner city, Bremen 2000.
If you are interested in supporting cultural, political or economic exchanges with German-speaking cities, please call 744-9449.

Indian Taco is available every Tuesday at the Mid-America All Indian Center during lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and dinner from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

International Potluck is held every fourth Friday night at the First Presbyterian Church at 525 N Broadway starting 7:00 p.m.

Language classes in Spanish, French and German are being formed.
Contact Sara Lindsley, 744-9449.

The Land of Maya (Educational Tour)
January 4 through 11. Trip sponsored by FOCUS & Inter-Faith.
Contact Dick Williams, 684-2726.

CALENDAR

- Oct 18
Friday

GLC-WSU Fall P.I.E. Focus: Education in Africa
Forum on perceptions, impressions & expressions by GLC-WSU
With panel representation from the Four Corners of Africa
Wichita State University, Hubbard Hall Room 208
Open to public, pie served.
7:30 p.m.
- Oct 22
Tuesday

Wichita's International Student Day
Proclamation by Mayor Knight at City Council Meeting
City Hall, 455 N Main Street.
9:00 a.m.

Party Honoring International Students
Mid-America All-Indian Center, 650 N Seneca
Contact: 978-3730 or 268-4331.
6:30-9:00 p.m.
- Oct 24
Thursday

United Nations Day Commemoration
East Heights United Methodist Church, 4407 East Douglas
Contact Howard Johnston, 682-6819.
7:00 p.m.
- Oct 25
Friday

Poetry Reading by Seamus Heaney
Watermark Books, Central & Oliver
Contact Mary Harren, 942-6630.
7:00 p.m.
- Nov 12
Tuesday

GLC Full Board Meeting
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5:15 p.m.
- Nov 12
Tuesday

Traditional Irish Music from Northern Ireland
Performer is John Toal of Belfast.
Wichita Boathouse, 335 W Lewis.
Contact Mary Harren, 942-6630.
7:00 p.m.
- Nov 21
Thursday

Kansas Leadership in International Trade
World Trade Council Meeting/Dinner
Olive Tree, 29th and Rock Road
Contact Dharma DeSilva, 978-3214.
6:00 p.m.
- Nov 23
Saturday

CUP Conference
(See Upcoming Event)
University United Methodist Church, 21st & Yale
Contact Harold Plenert, 682-5440.
9:00 a.m.
- Dec 10
Tuesday

GLC Steering Committee Meeting
Members and visitors welcome.
Inter-Faith Ministries.
5:15 p.m.
- Dec 12
Thursday

World Trade Council Christmas Party
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6:00 p.m.
- Jan 7
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