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The Bridging Tree

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On pages 6-10 of The Bridging Tree, we have listed sixty representative grantees of The Lifebridge Foundation from 1993-1997. The grantees are categorized although it was a daunting exercise to do so. Many fit into one or more categories and some defy traditional labels altogether. But in every case, these organizations and individuals exemplify the holistic precepts which form the core of The Lifebridge Foundation's purposes.

A Message From the President of The Lifebridge Foundation

"We look for projects that stimulate...transformative action in a changing world."

Welcome to the first issue of *The Bridging Tree*, the newsletter of The Lifebridge Foundation. With this newsletter we hope to make more people aware of the work of our current and past grantees, but more importantly, to link our grantees with each other so they may see how others' projects express the fact of one humanity.

Lifebridge is now five years old and from its comparatively modest endowment has dispensed an average of \$250,000 in grants per year. We look for projects that demonstrate an awareness of the interconnectedness of all life; that have a global vision (whether working locally, nationally, or internationally); that demonstrate a spirit of inclusiveness; that attempt to bridge the chasm between the spiritual and the so-called mundane; and that stimulate transformative action in a changing world.

Clearly, in these days there are countless groups and indi-

viduals working along similar lines and the most difficult part of our work is all the wonderful projects we have to turn down!

Predictably, at our office we contemplate the bridge metaphor as a matter of course. Everyone knows what a bridge is and most of us are probably familiar with the concept of bridging as connecting things that were formerly separate, of crossing a divide and making it whole. As we rapidly approach the millennium, I believe more

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and more people are feeling this compelling urge toward synthesis and unity. Look at the growth of the Interfaith movement, and how humanity is opening its heart and learning to love and understand itself.

A growing number of groups have sprung up world-wide that

are envisioning and working selflessly toward peace in the year 2000. Disparate social groups are being brought to-

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gether in ways never before imagined. By learning to truly listen to and respect one another, people are learning to bring the best forward into a new mix that benefits the whole.

Some would say that we are building bridges of loving understanding with conscious intention and are connecting via the substance of our living and loving thoughts.

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Perhaps it is this substance of thought matter that builds the bridge in consciousness, that builds the bridge of light; the bridge to the vital source of life, whatever you choose to call it.

Last June, on the summer solstice, we held our first invitational conference hosted by Dr. Rupert Sheldrake. The topic was "the consciousness of the sun" and the implications of this in terms of the life of planets and stars or of



anything else in the universe for that matter! This was definitely a bridging experience. For me, the element that made the three days of discussions so fantastic was that the topic was so far beyond the ability of any single person to totally understand, that the field was wide open and **safe** for anyone no matter the individual discipline.

We all gave ourselves permission to speculate in the wildest ways and no one could dispute anyone's opinion because we all accepted the fact that no one could know for certain. It equalized the playing field so that astrophysicists could converse with esotericists with absolutely no rancor. We all had a wonderful time listening to

each others' points of view and being stimulated beyond our own rational minds. We plan to hold another invitational conference in 1998 and are exploring additional "bridge" topics.

Another exciting develop-

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ment for The Lifebridge Foundation is our application for Non-Governmental Organization status at the United Nations. This outlet will help us deepen

our mission in terms of the awareness of one humanity, as that concept is obviously right in line with the UN.

Lastly, we have launched our website and invite you all to take a look at it at **www.lifebridge.org**. The website and the newsletter will demonstrate to a wider audience the idea of interconnectedness and show how many groups are manifesting this concept. So, in that spirit, please feel free to share your insights and comments with us. We are interested in what you have to say.

**We welcome your
comments.
We cannot return phone
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to write or email us.**

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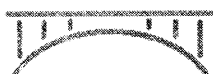
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Peace Movement for a New Millennium

by Robert Alan Silverstein

Director, People For Peace

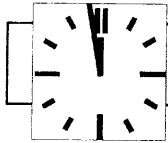


As a new millennium quickly approaches, it is becoming clear that a movement is arising to usher in a new paradigm for humanity. Founded on the belief in the evolving consciousness of the human family towards an age of peace and cooperation, this movement is focusing on expanding the concept of peace. It seeks to celebrate all of the efforts and achievements and victories towards creating a better world, and to show that they are all part of the "peace on earth puzzle." Peace is not just the absence of war, it is working together as a global community to create a world of justice, equality, and respect for the earth and one another. The goal of this movement is to create a "culture of peace" so that striving for peace on earth becomes society's number one goal and priority.

Many individuals, groups and organizations around the world are spreading this message of hope for a positive beginning for humanity in the new millennium. The key to this movement is interconnection. By working together and sharing our insights and achievements, we see that every victory for a better world is helping to bring us closer to a world at peace. Due to the technological advancements of the "information age", the sheer power of collaboration and synergy is unprecedented, and is helping to shape our emerging global consciousness and unite the global community as never before.

The Lifebridge Foundation has not only helped fund many individual projects that are making our communities and our world more peaceful, but because of its holistic approach to the interconnectedness of humanity, it has facilitated synergistic collaborations that not only reflect this new paradigm,

but are helping to shape it as well. This article briefly mentions a few of the peace campaigns that the Lifebridge Foundation has encouraged, both in spirit and through financial support.



One Day In Peace, January 1, 2000

The One Day In Peace Campaign is based on the idea that if we can live in peace for ONE DAY we would see that peace is possible, and we would know that we could work together to make peace a practical reality in our homes, our communities and in our world, ONE DAY at a time.

This tangible goal could help transform the celebrations that will already take place on January 1, 2000 into celebration with a purpose - to unite our global community to work together to strive for peace on earth. Around the world, many individuals, groups and organizations are promoting the message of One Day In Peace, January 1, 2000, and so far more than a dozen world leaders have pledged their support. In what creative way can you add your voice to the One Day In Peace campaign? For more information: **Steve Diamond, One Day In Peace Network * Box 90352 * Santa Barbara, CA 93190 * 805-569-3361 * www.oneday.net * email: info@oneday.net**



World Peace 2000 Peace 2000 Caravan

In April 1996, 23 people from 5 countries met at the University for Peace in Costa Rica to form the World Peace 2000 Network. This meeting was coordinated by Lois Nicolai, Executive Director of World Citizen Diplomats, in collaboration with Dr. Robert Muller, Chancellor of the University for Peace, and Rodrigo Carazo, former President of Costa Rica. Exactly 6 months later people from nearly 25 countries met at the United Nations for World Peace 2000's first global conference. One of the attendees was Chris Hildred, who had, synchronistically, founded World Peace 2000 in the United Kingdom in January, 1996. Since then, the World Peace 2000 coalition has grown, united in the desire to use the planned celebrations of the year 2000 as a way to unite the world to strive for peace on earth.

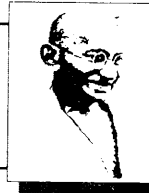
World Citizen Diplomats' Peace 2000 Caravan is helping to spread the World Peace 2000 message of hope as it journeys throughout the world, dialoguing with communities, and working to build bridges of understanding and peace, one person at a time. After two successful tours, the first across the United States, and the second, across Canada up to Alaska, then down the West Coast to southern California, the Peace 2000 Caravan is now making preparations for its European tour, beginning in April, 1998. For more information: **Lois Nicolai, World Peace 2000, c/o World Citizen Diplomats, P.O. Box 1484, Princeton, NJ 08542, www.worldpeace2000.org; wpeace2000@aol.com and**

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People For Peace

People For Peace is an educational network of more than 300 webpages, linking groups and individuals worldwide. Its goals are to encourage collaborations, and to provide inspiration and resources for all who wish to create a better world. **www.People4Peace.com. Contact: Robert Alan Silverstein, People For Peace, Box 570, Roosevelt, NJ 08555, p4peace@aol.com, 609-443-5786, fax: 609-443-4307.**



Gandhi & King A Season For Nonviolence A Reverence for Life January 30, 1998 - April 4, 1998

Beginning January 30th through April 4th, 1998, **A Season for Nonviolence** will commemorate the 50th and 30th memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This awareness campaign will highlight and honor the organizations and initiatives that are making our communities more peaceful.

Led by the MK Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, in conjunction with the Association for Global New Thought, Lafayette & Associates Kingian Nonviolence, The New Detroit Coalition's Youth Nonviolence Training Program, and local Task Force groups worldwide, numerous local and national events are being planned throughout this 64-day "season."

The opening ceremonies will take place at the United Nations on January 30. A live satellite broadcast on April 2, will show the full spectrum of participating communities unified in an effort of nonviolence and reverence for life. This unique occasion will help highlight successful models of non-violent conflict resolution and relationship-building and will inspire communities and leaders to see that peace is a necessary element for sustaining and nurturing all life throughout every season of human existence.

For more information about the opening ceremony at the United Nations, please contact Bawa Jain at the **Interfaith Center** in New York City at **212-583-7412**.

For local task force contact information, and the latest on events scheduled in your area, check the **Season For Non-violence website: www.GandhiKing.com**.

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Letter from the Editor

A few years ago, in a meeting with the executive committee of The Lifebridge Foundation, one of our current grantees expressed his interest in the concept that the sun, our solar system's central star, might possess a kind of "consciousness". This could have been a rather bizarre statement to make in other forums, but not at The Lifebridge Foundation.

The executive committee was intrigued. Indeed, so was the entire Board of Directors. So much so as a matter of fact, that in June, 1997 on the summer solstice, we sponsored a conference to discuss that very concept.

*The grantee in question is Dr. Rupert Sheldrake. Dr. Sheldrake came to the attention of many in this country recently with the broadcast of the PBS series *A Glorious Accident*. His controversial theories of "morphic resonance" and "formative causation" had already made him very well-known in Europe.*

The conference on the summer solstice, which came to be called "The Sun Conference", brought together a group of people representing many different viewpoints: educators, scientists, esotericists, poets, and philosophers. It was convened in South Devon, England and the result was both fascinating and illuminating, to which the adjoining article by Dr. Sheldrake will testify.

The Lifebridge Foundation doesn't shrink from the controversial, we are actually drawn to it. After all, controversial concepts more often than not eventually become accepted reality. It takes fearless, and hopefully, joyous exploration to create the future.

*A sign hangs on our office wall that says, "Only those who can see the invisible can do the impossible." This is perhaps the defining principle of creativity itself - envisioning the potential and then manifesting it. The organizations and the individuals with whom we collaborate exemplify that creative principle, and in *The Bridging Tree* we'd like to give them some space!*

Is the Sun Conscious?

by

Rupert Sheldrake, Ph.D.



Over the summer solstice of 1997, thirteen people of diverse background and discipline met in a secluded valley in the west of England to discuss the consciousness of the Sun. One participant, John O'Donohue, an Irish poet and visionary, arrived with the misunderstanding that we meant *human* consciousness of the Sun in science, myth and art. When he discovered we meant the consciousness of the Sun itself, he later confessed he was convinced that this would be a non-starter. In fact, it proved to be the most wonderful starter to all our imaginations. No one is used to thinking about the consciousness of the Sun. The subject is rarely raised, still less discussed. There are no experts. If we want to think about this subject, we're on our own.

As Kevin McCarthy, a school teacher, pointed out, young children almost invariably draw the sun with a face and a smile. Its consciousness is not discussed but simply accepted. And the face has eyes: the Sun does not only emit light but also sees. Similar imagery of the Sun is found in all civilisations including Egypt, Babylonia, Greece, Rome, India, and in Christendom.

On the other hand, since the seventeenth century, science has portrayed the universe as inanimate. The Sun is simply a star like other stars, burning up fuel. Celestial bodies, like all other bodies, are essentially mechanical. In modern scientific thought, the Sun cannot be conscious. The question does not even arise.

For materialists, our consciousness is nothing other than the activity of our brains. From this point of view, since consciousness is confined to human brains (and is perhaps present to a lesser degree in higher animals) then neither the Sun nor the stars, nor the Earth, nor anything within it except man and perhaps some animals can have consciousness. The Sun, Gaia and indeed the entire universe cannot be conscious because they do not have brains.

Most materialists suppose that the complex electromagnetic rhythms in our brains provide the interface between brain activity and consciousness. Could rhythmic patterns of electromagnetic activity likely be associated with the consciousness of the Sun? One of the starting points of our discussions was the recent discovery of the extraordinary dynamism of the Sun. The eleven year sun-spot cycles, linked to reversals of the magnetic polarity of the Sun are well known. But the sun has recently been found to reverberate, like a gong, to over a *million* pitches, each bouncing back and forth through the different layers of the interior of the Sun, with the resonance being determined by their pitch. As well as this extraordinarily complex spatio-temporal pattern of vibration, there are the oscillations, perturbations, and

harmonics of the electromagnetic field associated with the phenomena on the surface of the Sun such as sun-spots. Magnetic storms on the sun are so intense that they can disrupt radio communications, cause homing pigeons to lose their way, and in other ways affect what happens on Earth.

Bernard Carr, a cosmologist at Queen Mary College, London, described some of the ways these investigations are being carried out through an international programme called SOHO (the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory) with a special satellite positioned at the point of equal gravity between the Earth and the Sun and orbiting around the Sun together with the Earth, permitting continuous examinations and observations of the Sun's activity. Meanwhile an earth-based network of observatories, GONG (the Global Oscillation Network Group), is also tracking the Sun's vibratory activities 24 hours a day, overcoming the interruption of observations by nightfall by means of observatories at different longitudes.

Perhaps the Sun can think in a way barely imaginable to our more limited power of thinking, its thoughts interfacing with its ever changing patterns of vibratory activity. In this way, it is scientifically imaginable that the Sun could be conscious.

The scientists among us were more interested in such arguments than some of the other participants. Some, like esotericist and educator Ida Urso, said they had never doubted for a moment that the Sun was conscious. They thought of the whole universe as conscious; and if there is consciousness in everything, why not the Sun?

Inevitably, it was not long before we found ourselves discussing what was meant by consciousness. Christopher Clarke, a physicist, was opposed to any attempt to see consciousness as a kind of add-on extra, somehow fitted into a world of autonomous physical processes in autonomous space-time. Consciousness, in his view, is somehow fundamental or innate to physical processes and these processes are not separable from space-time itself. Space and time are not absolutes, as they were for Newton, but bound up with everything else, including consciousness.

On the morning of the summer solstice itself, most of us set off at 4 AM in the dim grey light and in steady rain. Our hopes of seeing the sunrise seemed remote. We climbed up across the fields to a nearby hilltop, the site of an ancient Iron Age fort, the Blackdown Rings. As we entered the circular enclosure, we passed through a simple ceremony involving the elements of earth, air, fire and water and leapt over a mid-summer fire. We then climbed up to the highest point, and there miraculously, in the Northeastern horizon was a window in the cloud over Dartmoor. And there we saw the Sun rise. The full moon shone between the rain clouds in the west. And as the Sun rose there was a rainbow behind us. After this extraordinary display, Jill Purce led us in a chant.

When we started our discussions again later that day, more questions came to mind. We thought about the Sun's relationship with the other stars. Do stars communicate with each other? Can

they do so through gravitational effects and electro-magnetic radiation, not only in the visible range, but through x-rays, radio waves, and particle emissions? Or can they also communicate "telepathically"? Does the galaxy itself have a mind at a yet higher level, or is it simply a kind of collective consciousness of the individual star-minds within it? If the Sun has habits, like all other living organisms, then these habits will probably be unconscious, as habits usually are. Thus the Sun may have an unconscious mind. And perhaps stars have a collective unconscious. By this time everyone was really having fun and we were so far beyond any known bounds of academic respectability we all felt quite free.

On the last day of our gathering we came to the question of intergalactic telepathy. The scientific starting point for this particular discussion was that any messages that traveled at the speed of light would take billions of light years to reach distant galaxies, and the same again for the message to return to our galaxy. Even within this galaxy, light based or radio based communication would be very slow. Our galaxy, the Milky Way, is over 100,000 light years across. So for a radio signal to reach from one solar system on one side of the galaxy to one on the other side, and for the message to return, it would take 200,000 years. It is unlikely that any human type civilisation would be around in 200,000 years time, and even if it were, the record-keeping system would have to be immaculate if the original message to which this was the reply, were not to be forgotten. Only through some form of communication vastly faster than light, or through some other kind of non-local linkage, could conscious communication occur within and between galaxies.

For me, one of the most astonishing thoughts was rather casually advanced by David Lorimer, director of the Scientific and Medical Network. He told us that in August, 1997 the followers of the Bulgarian teacher Peter Dhunov, would be gathering in Bulgaria to commune with the spirit of their deceased master and other illuminated beings who would be meeting *in the Sun* at the same time!

Satish Kumar told us of the traditional Indian belief that the departed spirits of enlightened human beings pass first into the light of the Sun and then to dimensions or realms beyond; the Sun was a kind of gateway through which human consciousness could move after bodily death.

As our time together drew to a close our minds were boggling. It was the most stimulating and enjoyable few days of discussion I have attended in many years. But needless to say, we came to no firm conclusions about the consciousness of the Sun.

I for one am very grateful for this blessed time we spent together, and to The Lifebridge Foundation for making it possible.

Rupert Sheldrake

July 30, 1997



Representative Grantees of the Lifebridge Foundation 1993 - 1997

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ORGANIZATIONS

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Produces films, videos and print media including *Heron Dance*, a unique newsletter focusing on environmental issues. General Operating Support for *Heron Dance*.

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656 Broadway
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Joseph Kulin, Publisher

Publishes *Parabola* magazine, and sponsored *Handprints*, a 5-part television series on indigenous peoples of the world. General Operating Support and a Project Grant for *Handprints*.

INDIVIDUALS

PHILLIP BERMAN
Lakewood, Ohio

Created *The Journey Home*, a book concerning the mystical and near-death experiences of ordinary people. Individual Project Grant for transcription of interviews.

DR. WILLIAM KAUFMAN
Chicago, Illinois

Authored *The Transforming Power of Illness: Healing Through AIDS*, on the difference between healing and curing. Individual Project Grant for the transcription of interviews.

NANCY SEIFER

Falls Church, Virginia

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JOHN ANTHONY WEST

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ORGANIZATIONS

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514-278-3140

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Glen Saltzman, Producer

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GREEN TV

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415-255-4797

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Anh D. Crutcher, Producer *Quest in Lakona*

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INDIVIDUALS

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SCOTT LONDON

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INDIVIDUALS

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New York, New York

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MERYL ANN BUTLER

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Works in the medium of quilted fiber art. Individual Project Grant to install 13 pieces of healing imagery based on feminine archetypes from world mythology.

GABRIELLA OLDHAM

New York, New York

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YOUTH/EDUCATION



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Provides "safe space" for youth from different racial, ethnic, cultural, and socio-economic backgrounds to create their own solutions for community. General Operating Support.

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Allows "at-risk" students to travel to a kibbutz in Israel where they live and work, learning to use resources for their own and their communities' development. Project Grant



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SCIENCE



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Winston Franklin, President

A research and membership organization exploring "the mind and its diverse ways of knowing". Project Grants for the Chicago conference *Life, Death, and the Survival of Consciousness*, and the *Beyond The Brain* conference in Cambridge, England.

PRINCETON ENGINEERING ANOMALIES RESEARCH

PEAR Lab - Princeton University

C-131 Engineering Quadrangle

Princeton, New Jersey 08544-5263

609-258-5950

Dr. Robert G. Jahn, Program Director

Pursues rigorous scientific study of the interaction of human consciousness with sensitive physical devices, systems, and processes common to contemporary engineering practice. General Operating Support.

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David Lorimer, Director

An informal group of international scientists, doctors and other professionals whose purpose is to deepen understanding through both rational and intuitive insights. General Operating Support.

THE SOCIETY FOR SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATION

C-131 Engineering Quadrangle

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Princeton, New Jersey 08544

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Brenda Dunne, Executive Vice President

An interdisciplinary forum for scholars of established credentials with an interest in topics that challenge the concepts and methods of mainstream science. General Operating Support and a Project Grant for the conference *Return to the Source: Rediscovering Ancient Wisdom and Lost Knowledge* at the University of Delaware in 1996.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Division of Personality Studies

Box 152 Health Sciences Center

Charlottesville, VA 22908

804-924-2281

Dr. Ian Stevenson, Director

Dr. Stevenson has been conducting research for more than 25 years on children who claim to remember past lives and has published eight books and numerous reports on the subject. Project Grants to create and maintain a data base compiling all research to date.

INDIVIDUALS

DR. ARNOLD L. LETTIERI, JR.

New York, New York

Is preparing a book based on current "vacuum energy" research. The metaphysical implication of this research is at the center of the non-technical work. Individual Project Grant for research and writing.

DR. RENE PEOC'H

Saint Jean de boiseau, France

Researches the effect of animal consciousness on the TychoScope II, a device used to verify the hypothesis that "chance" can be distorted through the action of thought in the absence of interference. Individual Project Grant for research.

DR. RUPERT SHELDRAKE

London, England

A molecular biologist well known for his controversial theories of "morpho resonance" and "formative causation" and his research on animal consciousness. Individual Project Grants for research assistance. (See Dr. Sheldrake's article "Is The Sun Conscious?" on page 4.)



COMMUNITY SERVICE



ORGANIZATIONS

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Gordon Davidson, President

The Center is a focal point for a synthesis of the many new holistic solutions emerging around the country and the world, providing a place where policy makers can find fresh ideas. General Operating Support.

FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

The Stores Building - 11917 Main Street

Fredericksburg, Virginia 22408

540-371-5615

Rebecca L. Adamson, President

Approaches indigenous economics holistically. Project Grant for external evaluation of The Eagle Staff Fund, the grant-making and technical assistance arm of the organization.

FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY ENCOURAGEMENT

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206-784-9000

Bill Thatcher, President

Encourages people to communicate with authenticity, deal with difficult issues, welcome and affirm diversity, bridge differences with integrity, and relate with compassion and respect. Founded by Dr. M. Scott Peck. Project Grant for 1998 conference on interconnectedness.

HEALING WORKS

244 5th Avenue - 6th Floor

New York, New York 10001

212-807-7352

website <http://www.healingworks.org>.

Julia Rosa Winter, President

Educates the economically disadvantaged in specific techniques of holistic care and provides guidance to professional practitioners who donate free services to patients. General Operating Support.

NEW HORIZONS RESOURCES

21 Van Wagner Road P.O. Box 3030

Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

914-473-3000

Regis Obijiski, Executive Director

Serves developmentally disabled adults and children. An exhibit of photos by Dave Palmer shows how developmentally disabled adults and children easily integrate into the community-at-large. Project Grant.

WHOLE FOODS PROJECT

c/o The Tides Center

P.O. Box 29907

San Francisco, California 94129-0907

415-561-6300

718-832-6628

Located in New York City and dedicated to healing with whole foods. Provides onsite meals, cooking classes, nutrition education, community outreach, support groups, training and internships. Its fiscal sponsor is The Tides Center. General Operating Support.

INDIVIDUALS

DR. DORRI JACOBS

New York, NY

Founded *ENDespair*, a coalition formed to address the crises created in individual lives in the current "downsized" economic climate. Individual Seed Money grant to establish the *ENDespair* coalition.

JOHN R. STOWE

Decatur, Georgia

Originated the workshops *Two Spirit Quest*, a journey of the spirit for gay men and *Living By Instinct*, for anyone whose self esteem has been challenged by so-called societal norms. Individual Project Grant to develop *Two Spirit Quest* and to write an accompanying workbook.



WORLD GOODWILL



ORGANIZATIONS

THE DANDELION TRUST

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011-44-171-538-5633

Jane Glitre, Contact

For the past two years has sponsored the transportation of groups of children from traumatized Sarajevo to Castelfranc (a 17th Century Chateau in Southern France) for rest, relaxation, rejuvenation, and community in an atmosphere of trust and calm. Project Grant for transportation.

THE INTERFAITH CENTER OF NEW YORK

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Laraine Mai, Executive Director

Nurtures the re-integration of the sacred into our individual and collective lives to deepen understanding and appreciation of the world's religious traditions in their ancient and contemporary expressions. Seed Money Grant for organizing.

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Sarah McKechnie, President

Publishes the books of Alice A. Bailey in collaboration with the Tibetan Master, Djwahl Khul and sponsors World Goodwill, Triangles (an international network of meditation for Light), and the Arcane School, a correspondence school for New Age Discipleship. General Operating Support.

THE TIBET FUND

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Rinchen Dharlo, President

Sponsored a meeting of the Assembly of Tibetan Peoples Deputies in Dharmasala, India to discuss the critical educational, health, cultural, and democratic issues currently affecting the Tibetan community-in-exile. Project Grant for the Assembly.

WORLD CITIZEN DIPLOMATS

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Lois Nicolai, Director

Sponsors a caravan of multi-national, ordinary citizens traveling the world and encouraging workable plans of action for world citizens in local, national, and/or international forums to resolve conflicts and address global problems. Project Grant for the Peace 2000 caravan. (See article on page 3.)



INTERDIMENSIONAL



ORGANIZATIONS

CENTER FOR SYMBOLIC STUDIES

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New Paltz, New York 12561

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Robin Larsen, Executive Director

Committed to "fostering an understanding of the symbolic imagination as it manifests in dreams, visionary art, and the mythic imagery of all peoples, and to nurturing its growth..." through festivals workshops, seminars, and classes. General Operating Support.

INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF THE AFTERDEATH

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Dr. Sukie Miller, Director

Documents world-wide beliefs and rituals of the afterdeath to provide information for the health care and legal professions as well as the general public and to develop the topic as a field of cross-disciplinary and enriching public dialogue. General Operating Support.

SPRING FARM CARES

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Bonnie Jones Reynolds, Director

Provides homes for unwanted, abused, or abandoned domestic animals, education in alternative methods of working with animals, humane care, and inter-species communication. Project Grant.

INDIVIDUALS

DR. MARTHA CRAMPTON

New York, New York

Explores linking individual and collective transformation to a transdisciplinary, spiritually based group process which functions holistically, integrating mind, heart, will, and spirit. Individual Project Grant.

MICHAEL LIGHTWEAVER

Asheville, North Carolina

Founded Network 2012, an international forum where those who work for positive transformation and enlightenment can communicate and exchange information. The International Lightworkers Directory is updated on an ongoing basis. Individual Project Grant

MARK MACY

Louisville, Colorado

Focuses on instrumental transcommunication (ITC), a new field of research dealing with interdimensional communication. Individual Project Grant.

For more information on these grantees,
see our website at <http://www.lifebridge.org>
To communicate with individual grantees,
contact The Lifebridge Foundation at 212-757-9711.
For a full list of grantees,
check our 990-PF on file at The Foundation Center.

Lifebridge
Sponsored Conferences

1994 - 1997

Since its inception,
The Lifebridge Foundation has sponsored
a number of conferences in collaboration with
grantees and with other sponsoring organizations.
Following is a brief summary of those.

1994

ONE MIND, ONE VOICE, ONE HEART, ONE PRAYER

*Mending the Sacred Hoop and Creating One People in Prayer
for the Health and Happiness of All Life*

Washington, D.C.

Lifebridge, along with grantee From the Circle and others, including Esalen Institute, Foundation for a Compassionate Society and Sacred Life Association, helped to produce the second, third, and fourth annual gatherings of native American tribal representatives for meetings with government officials on issues of sustainable living and healing a national wound.

THE SACRED SOURCE: LIFE, DEATH, and the
SURVIVAL OF CONSCIOUSNESS

*The Third Annual Conference of the Institute of Noetic Sciences
Chicago, Illinois*

In association with IONS and The Fetzer Institute, Lifebridge supported this 3-day symposium on research into the survival of consciousness after death, which attracted a record number of attendees and featured eminent investigators from around the world.

1995

BEYOND THE BRAIN

New Avenues of Consciousness Research

St. John's College - Cambridge, England

Again joining with The Institute of Noetic Sciences and The Fetzer Institute, along with grantee Scientific and Medical Network, Lifebridge helped produce this three day conference which centered around approaches to consciousness studies consistent with current scientific theory, but pointing beyond the brain and accounting for evidence largely ignored by the mainstream.

EVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL

A Prototype

Loveland, Colorado

In association with grantee Dr. Martha Crampton, Lifebridge sponsored a conference which came to be known as an "evolutionary council"; a spiritually based group process unlike

traditional think-tanks with left-brain emphasis, functioning holistically, integrating mind, heart, will and spirit.

FEEDING THE MIND, NURTURING THE SPIRIT

First Annual Conference of the Assembly for Expanded Perspectives on Learning

Winter Park, Colorado

Lifebridge sponsored the first annual conference of AEPL, an assembly of the National Council of Teachers of English, dedicated to expanded learning through holistic methodologies.

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR INSTRUMENTAL TRANSCOMMUNICATION

First Organizational Meeting

Dartington Hall - Devon, England

Lifebridge, in association with the Institute of Noetic Sciences and a private donor, helped to produce the first organizational meeting of world-wide instrumental transcommunication researchers. Instrumental transcommunication is the use of electronic equipment to receive information from nonphysical levels of reality.

PARAPSYCHOLOGY, EVOLUTION, AND CONSCIOUSNESS

An East-West Exchange

St. Petersburg, Russia

In association with Scientific and Medical Network and others, Lifebridge helped sponsor this first meeting between scientists and mystics of the former Soviet Union and the West, creating not only a new climate of openness between East and West, but allowing an exchange of information leading to research into some unfamiliar territory for Western scientists, such as the *torsion field*, a possible link between mind and matter.

1996

TEACHING THE UNCONSCIOUS

Transforming Classrooms, Theories, and Selves

Estes Park, Colorado

The second Lifebridge sponsored annual conference of the Assembly for Expanded Perspectives on Learning, through the National Council of Teachers of English.

THE GRAIL: WHAT IS OUR NEW STORY?

La Casa de Maria Invitational Conference

Santa Barbara, California

A periodic conference designed to find answers to some of the world's most complex challenges, this gathering was hosted, and all participants invited, by Dr. Jean Houston. The purpose of every conference is to bring leading edge thinkers together from diverse fields for discussion of a specific topic; progressing from conversation to decision to solution to action. Lifebridge sponsored the conference along with grantee La Casa de Maria, a not-for-profit, ecumenical retreat and conference center.

RETURN TO THE SOURCE

Rediscovering Lost Knowledge and Ancient Wisdom

University of Delaware - Newark, Delaware

In association with the Society for Scientific Exploration and MetaMedia, Inc., Lifebridge sponsored this conference which brought together leading investigators into ancient knowledge as well as leading edge scientific explorers to present findings concerning such diverse avenues of study as Egyptology, pre-history, native American society, ancient engineering, and ancient religious theory.

1997

THE SUN CONFERENCE

Is the Sun Conscious?

Hazelwood House - Devon, England

See article by Dr. Rupert Sheldrake on page 4

ASSEMBLY OF TIBETAN PEOPLES DEPUTIES

Dharamsala, India

The Assembly of Tibetan Peoples Deputies (ATPD) is comprised of elected representatives of the Tibetan community-in-exile and meets to further its goal of sustaining cohesive community and to discuss critical issues relating to Tibetan education, health, and preservation of cultural and democratic ideals. Lifebridge, along with The Tibet Fund in New York helped produce this meeting which has been suspended for a number of years due to lack of funding. The conference was held in the fall of 1997.

Looking Ahead: 1998 Conferences

MARCH

In association with grantee The Foundry Theatre, Lifebridge will help to produce *BEYOND HOPE: A Conference*. The three day event will be held in New York in association with Cooper Union and will be hosted by Dr. Cornel West. It will explore a *contemporary* understanding of hope and hopelessness and its relationship to the actions we do and do not take in our everyday lives.

AUTUMN

In collaboration with grantee the Foundation for Community Encouragement and others, Lifebridge will sponsor an invitational conference on community building and interconnectedness in Seattle, Washington.



Proposing a Youth Assembly for the United Nations by Benjamin Quinto

We met Benjamin Quinto, age 19, in the spring of 1997 at a meeting of the World Peace 2000 Network, organized by Lois Nicolai of World Citizen Diplomats and held at Princeton University. We were immediately impressed and even amazed by his intelligence and his straightforward sincerity and optimism. Benjamin currently serves on the Board of Directors and Youth Advisory Board of One Day Foundation. He has spoken internationally about the concerns of youth in general and the proposal for a UN Youth Assembly in particular.

In November, 1997, Benjamin attended the State of The World Forum in San Francisco, then served on a panel on Youth Engagement and Voting in Los Angeles, hosted by the Arselyn Foundation.

He wrote the following article especially for The Lifebridge Foundation website and for the newsletter of The Lifebridge Foundation, *The Bridging Tree*.



Early last year, I developed an interest in the United Nations and its peace-keeping mission. An eagerness grew in me to get involved on any level and this eagerness opened a door for me to attend a meeting of a United Nations NGO (non-governmental organization). In that meeting

I had the opportunity to meet some extraordinary individuals, some of whom have been with the UN for over fifty years.

At the age of seventeen, I was the youngest attendee at that meeting and this fact was obvious from the minute I stepped into the room. Though it did not particularly bother me, I was kind of saddened to see that no other young people were in attendance.

As a result, during the following months I embarked upon researching youth involvement in the United Nations. My findings were a disappointment. Although a United Nations Youth Unit had been established in 1946, to this day, no youth have been involved in the work of the United Nations on an ongoing basis. How could that be?

Determined to find out why, I examined the history and structure of the UN, perusing General Assembly resolutions and other documents to find references to youth. I also read up on related areas such as youth oriented governmental and non-governmental organizations working with or associated with the United Nations. I found that although the UN has sponsored the occasional youth event or summit, there have never been any youth continually active within the UN structure. Furthermore there is no system that facilitates or encourages their direct participation.

Learning this, I clearly realized what was missing and started to draft a proposal for an ongoing Youth Assembly for the United Nations. This assembly would be responsible for creating a committee to review and monitor the world-wide status of the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*. This document has become the most widely ratified human rights treaty in history a milestone in the struggle for children's rights. The Youth Assembly would also work within the United Nations on identifying and tackling the global issue facing young people now and anticipating the issues of the future generation of youth.

It is my sincere belief that there couldn't be a better time to unite the youth of the world to give them a sense of purpose, to invite their input and to acknowledge it. The fact that such an Assembly has long been overdue makes it even more appropriate to give the younger generations the chance to be a part of the greater Voice calling for peace.

Youth constitute roughly one quarter of the world's population, yet are among the most neglected and troubled segments in the global society. Approximately eighty-six percent of youth live in developing countries and consequently suffer from malnutrition and disease. Among those outside developing countries, many live in communities of broken families and

in cities where emotional solace is sought in gangs or through drugs.

For many generations now young people have been restless and lacked purpose. This has bred a sense of detachment which in turn results in indifference. If the restlessness could finally be harnessed, given the brilliance and boldness of youth, there could be a catalytic force capable of many wonders.

If this proposed Assembly provides a sense of unity and responsibility for only *some* of today's young people in the world, then there is hope in achieving progress towards peace and social change. Within a population of close to two billion young people on earth there is the potential for a dynamic force of creativity and change. That potential can be realized if their voices are heard.

The UN has spoken about youth involvement almost since its inception. Furthermore, the General Assembly has requested that all governments include youth representatives in their respective delegations, although only three have ever done so: Denmark, the Netherlands, and Norway.

Here is the vision: a partnership between the United Nations and representatives of young people from all over the world. This vision is widely supported by organizations such as The Lifebridge Foundation, the Foundation of America, the Earth Society Foundation, Peaceways, Pathways to Peace, World Citizen Diplomats, and One Day Foundation. The Youth Assembly proposal has also been adopted by the "*We The Peoples*" Initiative, a project begun in the early 1980's with the help of Dr. Robert Muller.

The One Day Foundation, located in Sedona, Arizona, was founded by young people and is planning an International Youth Conference for the fall of 1998. This conference will serve as a prototype for the Assembly and will bring together youth from around the world to discuss their views, ideas, and hopes for the future. It is proposed that it be attended by two young people from every country in the world. This International Youth Conference will provide a chance for the world's youth to share their thoughts with each other, UN officials, the media, and world leaders.

For more information on the proposal for a United Nations Youth Assembly or on the International Youth Conference prototype, please contact:

One Day Foundation
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**All comments, suggestions and
input are welcome.
Any youth interested in these efforts
should contact us.**

*If we do not care
who will care?*

*If we do not act,
then who will act?*

*If not now,
when?*



UN CORNER

**Dr. Ida Urso's Report on
The 50th Annual Conference of the United
Nations' Department of Information
(DPI) and Affiliated Non-Governmental
Organizations (NGOs)**

From September 10th through September 13th at United Nations Headquarters a reported 2,245 participants attended the 50th annual conference organized by the United Nations' Department of Public Information in cooperation with the NGO/DPI Executive Committee. These participants were representing 637 organizations from 61 countries.



This year's conference theme, "Building Partnerships," explored, celebrated and sought to improve the vitality of the association between the United Nations and Non-Governmental Organizations—an association that has been evolving over the past

half century. Also explored were the ways in which new technologies and communications can facilitate the process of global cooperation at a level that has been previously impossible. Convening within the august General Assembly Hall, the opening session included an address by Secretary-General Kofi Annan who pointed to the profound changes over time that have occurred in the relationship between the United Nations and the NGOs. At its inception, the Member States of the United Nations were virtually the sole actors in the international process. Today however, NGOs play a significant role in deliberations, policy formulations and in the implementation of policies and projects.

Referring to the growing threat from the "new global enemies" including drug-traffickers, money-launderers and gun-runners, Mr. Annan stated that today practical cooperation is an imperative: "Member States, governmental and intergovernmental bodies and non-governmental organizations must work together in partnership." Acting on this belief, Mr. Annan suggested that NGOs consider holding a "People's Millennium Assembly" as a parallel to the Millennium Assembly of the United Nations.

Through a "video-salutation" the Russian-American Crew aboard the Mir Space Station greeted the participants of the NGO Conference. These three men emphasized the need in our world for partnerships and cooperation and for a recognition of our global responsibility for the fate of humanity and our planet. They also sent the NGOs a replica of the Roerich Banner of Peace.

NGOs are the "constituency of consciousness." Thus, stated Clovis Maksoud, Director of the Center for the

Global South at American University as he spoke on the last day of the conference on a panel focusing on the new trends in the work of NGOs and civil society. Dr. Maksoud referred to the many global issues such as human rights and the environment on which NGOs assiduously work. Attempting the resolution of global problems allows us to transcend the nation-state experience. It renders us part of a global citizenship that complements and humanizes the nation-state experience. He stated: we are no longer in international relations; rather, we are in "intersocietal relations, in interhuman relations."

Jose Ramos-Horta, The Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, echoed these sentiments. NGOs, he said, must be the watchdogs protecting us from the darker side of humanity which is responsible for 100 million deaths over the last century. This theme was repeated often as most of the conference speakers pointed to both the great opportunity and responsibility of NGOs. Secretary-General Kofi Annan encapsulated this theme most aptly in his tribute to NGOs: "For both the threatened and the threatening, it makes a difference to know that the world is watching, and that it cares." "

UNITED NATIONS Selected Calendar of Events

Many of these calendar listings were selected from the following Internet websites which the reader is encouraged to visit:
www.undp.org; www.un.org;
www.unesco.org; www.globalpolicy.org

December 1997

- **2-4:** Ceremony for the signing of the land mine ban treaty, Ottawa. Contact the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, 2001 S Street NW, Suite 240, Washington, DC 20009; tel: 202-483-9222; e-mail: banines@sover.net
- **5-7:** International Conference, "Nuclear Abolition: The Next Steps," Stockholm, Sweden, Organized by Swedish Peace Council and

Special NGO Committee for Disarmament, P.O. Box 50, 1211 Geneva 20. Switzerland; tel: 41.22.733.6175; womensleague@gn.apc.org

- **10: Human Rights Day.** Launch of 50th Anniversary of Declaration on Human Rights (1998). Sponsored by the Department of Public Information and the Centre for Human Rights

January 1998

- **January 19-March 27:** Conference on Disarmament, first 1998 session. Geneva.
- **January 30:** Opening ceremony of *A Season For Nonviolence*. Contact: Bawa Jain, Interfaith Center; 212-583-7412. (See article on page 3.)

February 1998

- **February 23-26:** Conference: "Institutions of Higher Education: Advancing the Cause of World Peace," Capetown, South Africa. International Association of University Presidents / United Nations. Commission for Disarmament Education; email: pettigrewl@soldvx.oldwestbury.edu; tel: 516-876-3160.

April 1998

- **April 2:** Closing ceremony of *A Season For Nonviolence*. Contact: Bawa Jain, Interfaith Center, 212-583-7412. (See article on page 3.)
- **April 28-May 8:** 1998 Preparatory Committee meeting for the 2000 Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT Prep-Com), Geneva.

May 1998

- **May 11-June 26:** Conference on Disarmament, second 1998 session, Geneva.
- **May 22:** Annual meeting of the NGO Committee on Disarmament at the UN. Contact NGO Committee on Disarmament, 777 United Nations Plaza #3B, New York, NY 10017; 212-687-5340
- **May 29-31:** European Peace Congress Osnabruck 1998. Osnabruck, Germany. The conference will take place on the 350th anniversary of the Peace of Westphalia. Sponsored by European

Congress for Peace and Conscientious Objectors' Foundation. Postfach 4124, D-49031 Osnabruck, Germany; tel: 49.541.260650; e-mail: Peace-Congress1998@t-online.de

Fall 1998

A Report on the State of the World's Oceans will be Published by the Independent World Commission on the Oceans. The report will deal with such topics as: security and peaceful uses of the oceans; equitable access to ocean resources; preservation of the ocean and new science and technology available for the maintenance and protection of the oceans.

1999

The hundredth anniversary of the first International Peace Conference, called by Czar Nicholas II of Russia and held in the Dutch city of The Hague. A coalition of prominent peace groups is forming to organize an NGO-led "Hague Appeal for Peace 1999." Contact the World Federalist Movement, 777 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017; tel: 212-599-1320; e-mail: wfm@igc.apc.org

2000

January 1: *One Day In Peace, January 1, 2000!* (See article on page 3.)

"The Year 2000 Campaign: Less Military Spending for Greater World Security" calls for UN sponsored talks in every region of the world for mutual reductions of military forces by the year 2000. Arias Foundation: P.O. Box 8-6410-1000, San Jose, Costa Rica; tel: 506-233-6348 or, Council on Economic Priorities: 30 Irving Place; New York, NY 10003-2386; tel: 212-420-1133

2001

"2001—A Peace Odyssey": A World Conference on Peace. Contact Dorrie Weiss, 555 5th Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661; tel: 201-265-1679; e-mail: weissdor@aol.com



The Lifebridge Foundation Statement of Purpose



***“Promoting the oneness
of humanity and the
interconnectedness of
all life...”***

The Lifebridge Foundation, Inc. was established in 1992 for the purpose of supporting organizations and individuals who, through cultural, educational, and/or scientific means, are dedicated to creating bridges of understanding among all

people by bringing to realization the concepts of one humanity and the interconnectedness of all life.

***“Bridging the chasm
between the spiritual
and the so-called
mundane...”***

We seek to find those groups and individuals whose innovative projects reflect these

concepts; whose work exemplifies a global vision, demonstrates a spirit of inclusiveness, and fosters transformative action in a changing world.

***“Facilitating the
integration of an
emerging holistic
consciousness into
daily action...”***

The Bridging Tree

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