

Peaceways

CENTRAL KENTUCKY COUNCIL FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE June 2015

Honoring peace heroes lifts up a higher ideal

by Mary Ann Ghosal

On May 2 five current and former central Kentuckians (Dick and Janet Futrell, Yolande Jones, Margie Stelzer and this writer) participated in the Peace Heroes Walk sponsored by the Dayton International Peace Museum. The "Dorothy Day Team" from central Kentucky joined more than 60 other teams, honoring a variety

of local, national, and international peace leaders. We gathered at RiverScape MetroPark in downtown Dayton. We signed in, took team photos, examined posters of the Peace Heroes being recognized, and chatted with some of the other 700 walkers. After a few formalities, teams formed behind the lead team, which carried a

handmade quilt honoring Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani advocate for female education and the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate.

Teams took either the 10-block or 2-mile route. Both routes included a brief visit to Dayton's Peace Museum. The atmosphere throughout was positive with camaraderie between groups and passersby.

The walk had three goals: to lift up stories

of peace heroes; to raise awareness of the need for nonviolent alternatives to conflict and war; and to provide financial support for two local peace and justice organizations, the Dayton International Peace Museum and the National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton.

In a presentation to team leaders in April, Paul K. Chappell, a veteran of the war in Iraq, and a friend of CKCPJ, defined peace heroes as people who reject vengeance, promote justice, and understand our interconnectedness. "A peace hero is not something we are, but an ideal we reflect in our daily lives. Honoring peace heroes lifts up this ideal higher so that more people can see this vision of what it means to be human, a vision that humanity needs to survive during our fragile future."

On May 2, 2015, more than 700 people in Dayton lifted up their visions of more than 60 peace heroes.

Mary Ann Ghosal is a member of CKCPJ and a peace hero in her own right.



Mary Ann Ghosal

Yolande Jones displays the Dorothy Day poster as she and Janet Futrell complete the peace heroes walk on May 2.

An easy way to provide financial support

CKCPJ has registered with the Kroger Community Rewards program. If you shop at Kroger, we encourage you to register at krogercommunity-rewards.com using number 16439 so Kroger will donate a percentage of your grocery bill to CKCPJ at no cost to you. The website will walk you through the process. Have your Kroger Plus card handy and link your card to CKCPJ. If you use your phone number at the register, call 800-576-4377 and select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number. This is a simple way to financially support CKCPJ by just buying groceries!



Quentin Savage

Students at Berea College stood in solidarity with Freddie Gray, the Baltimore man who died in police custody.

CKCPJ holds raise the wage rally

Nearly 100 people gathered on Friday, May 15 in Lexington's Triangle Park to encourage the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council to establish a Lexington minimum wage, which will be discussed at the meeting of the council's Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee on June 23.

On June 8, the public is invited to attend a Committee of the Whole meeting, when the council will listen to comments concerning the minimum wage.

According to CKCPJ co-chair David Christiansen, a widely-held opinion that the majority of minimum-wage workers are teenagers is inaccurate. Jason Bailey, executive director of the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, reports that of the 31,000 workers in Lexington who would benefit from a higher minimum wage, 90 percent are over the age of 20, and the majority are women (57 percent).

David says that an increase in the minimum wage would ensure that government stops subsidizing businesses who do not pay their workers enough to support their families.

The enthusiastic rally participants carried signs, waved at passing cars and encouraged them to "Honk if you support a living wage." Many cars honked in support, even as a rain began to fall on the group.

CKCPJ members and allies encourage support for a living wage in Lexington.



Photos by Margaret Cahill



Betsy Packard and Isabella Gonzalez.



Karen Connelly and Megan Murphy.



Colonel Ben, a resident of Lexington's Divine Providence Way.

Peace Studies tuition to memorialize peace activist

by Kerby Neill

The Mary Alice Pratt Peace Studies Tuition Fund at the University of Kentucky honors Mary Alice Pratt, a tireless worker for peace and justice and a graduate of St. Peter's Nursing School, Columbia University in New York City and Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

Mary Alice was a public health nurse for Rensselaer County, New York, before she traveled to Amman, Jordan, with a missionary group to work in an orphanage/hospital.

Upon her return, she moved to Kentucky and was a professor of public health nursing at Berea College and at the University of Kentucky. She was also a visiting missionary nurse in Appalachia. Throughout her "retirement" Mary Alice served as coordinator for Peace and Justice at Holy Spirit Parish, the Catholic Newman Center of the University of

Kentucky
Mary Alice was active for many years with the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice. An advocate for health care reform and an end to the death penalty, Mary Alice was a familiar face in the Kentucky legislature.



Mary Alice Pratt

In sun, rain, or snow, Mary Alice was a frequent presence at the Thursday evening peace vigils at Lexington's Triangle Park that continued throughout the war in Iraq.

She led the UK Newman Center into the multi-church coalition (including most of Lexington's traditional major African-American churches) that became BUILD—Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct Action—and became a board member and officer of BUILD.

An avid student of Scripture and a writer, Mary Alice was a regular contributor to several local publications. She wrote and performed a one-woman show on the life of Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement, whom she greatly admired.

The Mary Alice Pratt Peace Studies Fund will be used to defray the cost of tuition for deserving students taking the final, or capstone, course for UK's certificate in Peace Studies.

There is currently \$4,000 in the tuition fund, \$2,000 of which will only be available when it is matched with other donations. Donations may be sent to

Laura Sutton, Development Officer
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Please specify Mary Alice Pratt Peace Studies Fund.

Kerby Neill is a peace activist and a longtime friend of Mary Alice.

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Calendar for Peace & Justice

The council seeks to promote dialogue as a path to peace and justice. Consequently, we announce events that we do not necessarily endorse.

Sat-Sun., May 30-June 7

Mountain Justice Summer Convergence 2015 Kanawha State Forest just south of Charleston, West Virginia (about three hours from Lexington). Join over 100 environmental and community activists in a week-long event focused on mountaintop removal and stopping a proposed surface mine next to the beautiful Kanawha State Forest. This forest is a popular hiking and mountain biking spot for Charleston residents, yet mining companies propose to blow up a mountain directly adjacent to the forest. Low cost tent camping, all meals cooked on site. Workshop proposals are welcome and invited. For more information contact Dave Cooper, davecooper928@yahoo.com.

Thurs. June 4

Humanist Forum, 7-8:30 pm, the Great Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lexington, 3564 Clays Mill Road. Reamy Jansen will lead a discussion of the French philosopher and 18th century radical, Denis Diderot (1713-84). Reamy Jansen was a Professor of English and Humanities at Rockland Community College for 40 years. He is a contributing editor to the Bloomsbury Review of Books and a contributing editor of the Hamilton Stone Review. At the same time there will be Humanist Education for children aged 5-12 in the Green Classroom of the RE wing. Childcare provided for children 4 years old and younger.

Mon., June 8

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, Council Chamber, 200 East Main St., Lexington, 5 pm-8 pm. Council will listen to public comment concerning an ordinance to increase the minimum wage in Lexington to \$10.10 over the coming three years. The ordinance will be on the agenda for consideration by the Budget and Finance Committee on June 23.

Your Event Here

Do you have an event that you would like to promote in Peaceways? Send information to peacewayseditor@gmail.com. Please send notification by the 10th of the previous month.

Tues., June 9

PFLAG Central Kentucky, the Episcopal Church of St. Michael the Archangel, 2025 Bellefonte Dr., Lexington, 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm. A conversation with faith leaders: What are the realities of being a welcoming faith community and of providing pastoral support? What LGBTQ community resources support that work or are needed? Support group discussion will follow. PFLAG welcomes LGBTQs, friends, families and allies to its confidential group meetings. For more information, www.pflagcentralky.org.

Mon., June 15

CKCJ Board of Directors meeting 7 pm, The Plantory, 501 West Sixth Street, Lexington. The public is invited to attend.

Wed., June 17

CKCJ Social Action Committee 7-8:30 pm, Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. Discussion topics will include issues regarding immigration, racism and mass incarceration. For more information, contact Janet Tucker, jlyjenks@gmail.com.

Tues., June 23

Raise the Wage Lexington, Lexington Working Families Campaign rally. 11 am - 12:30 pm. Phoenix Park, 100 E. Main St. Join the campaign to raise the wage in Lexington and learn what increasing the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour will do for the community. The rally will include food, music and speakers. Organizers hope to build on the progress that follows the May 15 rally and that all participants will then attend the council committee meeting.

The Lexington League of Women Voters has updated its Bluesheet, a list of contact information for all national, state, and local government representatives. Copies are sent to media members, libraries and other public display locations. If you would like a copy please call the League phone 859-494-3203 or email the Lexington League of Women Voters at lexingtonlww@gmail.com.

Tues., June 23

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council, Council Chamber, 200 East Main St., Lexington, 1 pm. Meeting of the Committee of Budget and Finance and Economic Development to vote on raising the minimum wage in Lexington to \$10.10.

Wed., June 24

CKCJ Peace Action Committee, 7-8:30 pm, Quaker Meeting House, 649 Price Ave., Lexington. Discussion topics will include health care reform and climate change. For more information, contact Richard Mitchell, rjm47@twc.com.

Sat., June 27

Speak Peace to Violence, with youth from the First African Baptist Church, 901 Georgetown St., Lexington. Noon-5 pm. Join the youth of the church for a public march during their third annual Speak Peace to Violence project. The day will include food, fun, games, speakers, and a youth peace march with over 200 participants. For more details, Michael Zachary, mzachary@fabclx.org or 859-252-7191.

Thurs.-Sun., Jul. 9-12

The Whippoorwill Festival, Skills for Earth-Friendly Living, HomeGrown HideAways near Berea, Ky. The fifth annual four-day outdoor festival includes workshops on primitive and old-time Appalachian living skills, backyard gardening, yoga, herbal remedies, fermentation, dutch oven cooking over the fire, making cheese, raising backyard chickens. Kids attend free and events are family friendly. There will be speakers, live music and dancing every night. The cost is low, tent camping, dinner and breakfast provided. For more information contact Dave Cooper, davecooper928@yahoo.com or see www.whippoorwillfest.com.

Thurs. Nov. 12

ACLU of Kentucky 60th Anniversary Bill of Rights Celebration Dinner, The Olmsted, 3701 Frankfort Ave., Louisville.

EKU to offer Social Justice degree

New course of study to begin in Fall 2015

A new academic program at Eastern Kentucky University reframes the questions many young people ask when they reach adulthood.

Forget the common “What do you want to do as a career?” quandary.

A newly approved bachelor’s degree program in Social Justice Studies (SJS) asks instead, “Who do you want to be and what role do you want to play in developing a more humane world?”

The interdisciplinary program will critically examine the cultural, economic and political dynamics of societal conflict and struggles for social justice among and between various groups and institutions. When it launches the program in Fall 2015, ECU will become the first college or university in Kentucky to offer a SJS degree.

Housed in the School of Justice Studies in the University’s College of Justice and Safety, the SJS degree differs from a Criminal Justice and Criminology degree, contending that the study of “justice” goes beyond the study of crime, law and the criminal justice system to place it within a more expansive economic, political and social context.

The program will draw upon such academic disciplines as American Studies, anthropology, cultural and political geography, sociology, political economy and cultivate a more robust understanding of justice and injustice and strategies by which problems can be overcome.

The SJS major at ECU will engage students in rigorous academic study of pressing social problems and will facilitate their civic engagement as it prepares them for careers in public, private, non-profit and community-based sectors of employment, including activism, alternative media, community organizing, conflict resolution, domestic non-profit and social services, environmental advocacy, human relations, political campaigns and public policy analysis.

For more information about the program, contact Dr. Preston Elrod, professor and division chair for undergraduate studies in the School of Justice Studies, at preston.elrod@eku.edu or 859-622-1160.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

CKCPJ Board Meetings 3rd Monday, 7 pm. More info: 859-488-1448 or peaceandjusticeky@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Interfaith Prayer Vigil for Peace Every Thursday 5:30-6 pm at Triangle Park (corner of Broadway and Main St) in downtown Lexington. Contact Richard Mitchell 859-327-6277.

Kentucky Migrant Network 1st Monday Noon-1:30 pm, Cardinal Valley Center, 1306 Versailles Road, Lexington. Contact Isabel Gereda Taylor, itaylor@lexingtonky.gov, 859-258-3824.

PFLAG Central Kentucky 2nd Tuesday 6:30-8:30 pm. LGBTQ individuals of all ages, family member, friends and allies are welcome. St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 2025 Bellefonte Dr., Lexington. info@pflagcentralky.org or 859-338-4393. Speakers followed by confidential support group meeting.

Bluegrass Fairness of Central Kentucky 2nd Tuesday 7:30 pm, Lexington Public Central Library, 140 E. Main St., Lexington. Contact Craig Cammack, Chair, 859-951-8565 or info@lexfair.org.

Wed Night GLSO discussion group 7 pm at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave, Lexington. GLSO operates Kentucky’s only Pride Center, where they’ve been quietly providing services to the GLBTQQA community for decades. More info, hours Pride Center is open and other links at: <http://www.glsso.org>.

Humanist Forum of Central Kentucky First Thursday, 7 pm, Great Hall of the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Rd, Lexington. The Forum is a Chapter of the American Humanist Association. Meetings are open to people of all beliefs willing to express their opinions in a civil manner. Childcare is provided. Contact President Staci Maney, staci@olliegee.com or 859-797-2662.

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth 3rd Thursday, 7 pm Episcopal Diocese Mission House at 4th St. and MLK Blvd, Lexington. Contact Ondine Quinn, 859-276-0563.

NAMI Lexington Support Groups Every Sunday 2:30-4 pm. Participation Station, 869 Sparta Court, Lexington. Call 859-272-7891 or go to www.namilex.org.

Christian-Muslim Dialogue Program 4th Saturday 10 am-noon. All are welcome. Locations vary, call 859-277-5126. The Christian-Muslim dialogue promotes understanding and mutual respect between Christians and Muslims. By exploring moral, cultural and political factors shaping the current context, it promotes personal and collective responsibility to build a more just and peaceful world.

Movies with Spirit 2nd Friday of every month. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clay’s Mill Road, Lexington. Potluck at 6 pm, film at 7.

National Action Network 3rd Thursday of each month, 7 pm to 8:30 pm at the Central Library, Lexington.

Want your group’s meeting listed here?

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Local activist encourages gardening, creativity in book

by Jim Trammel

Expanding Horizons through Creative Expressions: Reflections and Thoughts Related to the Struggle for Peace, Sustainability, Equality, and the Search for Humanity. By Obiora Embry. Self-published. 127 pages. Available at Whole Foods, Morris Book Shop, and other local outlets.

Local writer, consultant, gardener, "Peaceways" contributor, and eco-conscious thinker Obiora Embry has something in common with literary giant Voltaire: Both have examined their worlds with jaundiced eyes and decided that one of the best things a person can do in response to social problems is simply to make a garden grow.

Expanding Horizons Through Creative Expressions is a chronicle of Embry's ongoing spiritual journey, his collected essays, and thoughts poetical on gardening, police infringement on the rights of the helpless, the need to expose and resist the unhealthy alliance between corporations and government, proper parenting, the need for more closeness with Mother Earth, and various other observations through the Third Eye.

It's an interesting compilation of one person's effort to find the guideposts to point a spiritual journey ultimately in the right direction. One always feels Embry is being honest and direct without self-censure; he even admits to putting his spiritual goals on the back burner for a period while his "focus shifted to material goals and wealth." We can all relate to that.

So if the material loops and swerves a little organizationally, it only reflects the course of Embry's pilgrimage of two-decades-plus, as he moved to and through different areas of overall concern. We have all done so. My journal of the past two decades, if I had written it down, would arc no more gracefully than Embry's, and would certainly have obsessed over issues far less cosmic.

Embry raises a rapid-fire series of disquieting, unanswerable questions in his poetry-form meditations on police violence—questions he raised as far back as the previous century. His rhetorical warnings should be always kept in mind as society moves toward the solution, in however many tiny tortuous steps it takes.

In one 2003 meditation, Embry names police violence victim Tony Sullivan, killed

in 1994 by a Lexington officer whose gun, he claimed, discharged accidentally. The situation bears uncomfortable parallels to recent news from Ferguson, New York and Baltimore. The questions Embry raised nearly 10 years after the Sullivan shooting resonate anew, unanswered in another decade after he posed them. (Societally speaking, this journey toward awareness isn't making much progress, is it.)

The meditation shows how our societal focus shifts, also. At one point in his recollections, Embry worries whether people are going to hold rap music accountable for street crime. We don't worry about that so much anymore.

Embry cites concepts from Eastern religion when he discusses his life's spiritual search. Judeo-Christian tradition invites us to aspire to dwell with God in heaven, using Earth only as our stepping-stone, he says. Eastern religions generally are more Earth-centric, emphasizing the connection between the person and the planet.

This connection leads Embry to conclude with the sensible response to the problems he catalogues: learn to garden and

raise your own food. Voltaire's *Candide* reached a similar conclusion after being buffeted around the world, suffering from his philosophy of a naïve optimism that insisted that everything happens for the best.

Gardening, for both authors, is a self-contained solution that allows one the respite to recognize one's connection to the Earth. The reader of *Expanding Horizons* will be grateful for the constructive action by which to address the litany of problems of the community, nation and world.

Besides, after we boycott all the companies he indicts (McDonald's, all fast-food producers, Nike, Wal-Mart, General Electric, Home Depot, Monsanto, BASF, Pioneer, Syngenta, Dow, and the list goes on), we'll have to raise gardens to have anything to eat or wear.

Embry and his family have written several books, including a family cookbook, which were shown, sold, signed, and read from at an event at the Lyric Theatre in February 2014.

Reviewer Jim Trammel has never been accused of philosophical consistency, and has never gone on a spiritual search.

The CKCPJ Action for Social Justice Committee

by Richard Mitchell

The CKCPJ committee that addresses action for social justice is the in process of more concretely establishing its domain of issues, including but not limited to: immigration reform; reduction in gun violence, gun control; sentencing reform, mass incarceration; closing the achievement gap; youth unemployment, job readiness training; citizen-police relations; health care reform; reducing racism, white privilege; tax reform; gentrification; campaign finance reform; legislation relating to social justice issues.

The committee envisions focusing on two or three of these issues at any one time, in order to fully focus on the matters at hand. Agendas for the committee will be based upon the interests and priorities of those who attend the meetings, but will also encourage persons interested in any one of these issues to meet with the group. The action of the group will depend on its ability to recruit the volunteers to act.

A single interested person shall be sufficient to place an issue on the committee's agenda and the group is authorized at any time to add an issue to its domain of interests. Along the same lines, the group is authorized to decide annually whether it is time to remove an issue from our domain of interests. If a critical number of persons whose main interest is on a particular issue begins attending regularly, we will encourage them to form a committee devoted solely to that issue. That number remains flexible, but five people might make a viable committee.

Whenever possible, decisions will be made by a consensus of the group. When consensus is not possible decision shall be made by a vote. Approval shall require a super majority, 75 percent of those present.

Committee decisions will be reported to the Board of Directors of the CKCPJ. Policy decisions shall not require approval by the Board of Directors unless they require expenditures of more than \$100 or run counter to the Principles and Purpose of the CKCPJ (Bylaws Articles II and III).

If you are interested in this committee, contact Richard Mitchell, 859-327-6277, rjmq47@twc.com.

Author promotes biography of famed jockey

By Billie Mallory

Isaac Burns Murphy (1861-1896) was one of the most dynamic jockeys of his era and still considered one of the finest riders of all time. Murphy was the first black jockey to win the Kentucky Derby three times and his 44 percent win record remains untouched. Despite his success, Murphy was pushed out of thoroughbred racing when African American jockeys were forced off the track, and he died in obscurity.

In *The Prince of Jockeys*, author Pellom McDaniels, III, offers the first definitive biography of this celebrated athlete, whose life spanned the Civil War, Reconstruction and the adoption of Jim Crow legislation. “Murphy became an important figure—not just in sports—but in the social, political and cultural consciousness of African Americans.” (excerpt from book)

Pellom McDaniel, III, is faculty curator of African American collections and assistant professor of African American Studies at Emory University (Atlanta, Ga.) and has received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for his research and writings. In a recent visit to Lexington, he promoted his book and shared the early history of Lexington and the Kentucky Association Race Track that was the precursor of Keeneland.

McDaniel’s visit the last week of April was sponsored by the Keeneland Library and included multiple programs and presentations at Keeneland, the Kentucky Horse Park, the Lyric Theatre, the University of Kentucky Young Library and Isaac Murphy Memorial Art Garden. He also addressed the City Council and received a proclamation of Pellom McDaniels, III, Day on April 30 when he was joined by his family. McDaniel’s books are on sale at the Keeneland Library for \$35.

McDaniels will return to Lexington in October for the Breeders’ Cup. At that time, his traveling exhibit of photos and memorabilia of Murphy and the Kentucky Association Race Track from the 1800s will be on display at the Lyric Theatre. Time allowing, he will do additional presentations during the days surrounding the Breeders’ Cup. A feature film based on *The Prince of Jockeys* will be partially filmed in Lexington.

In addition to Keeneland, McDaniel’s visit to Lexington was sponsored by the Lyric Theatre, International Museum of the Horse, LFUCG, the University of Kentucky Department of History, the Kentucky Horse Park, the William Wells Brown Neighborhood Association, the Central Kentucky Council for Peace and Justice and the Isaac Murphy Memorial Art Garden.

Billie Mallory is a community activist.

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Public housing residents need your voice

Residents of the Morgan Street neighborhood in Berea, despite the efforts of residents and the support of local community organizations, will not have a USDA Summer Feeding Program for neighborhood children this summer. After discussions with the Berea Housing Authority director, meetings with the local housing authority board, and a written proposal addressing concerns, the housing authority director decided the program will not be permitted.

Some residents, and their supporters, are raising questions about the director’s respect for low-income residents, and if the goals of the local housing authority agree with national HUD goals. The residents have asked for time to address the city council about these questions. For current information about this developing issue, contact Martina LeForce, martinaleforce@gmail.com.

Submissions to Peaceways

Articles submitted for publication in *Peaceways* should show an awareness of and sensitivity to the CKCPJ’s mission and concerns. Articles submitted by non-Council members are encouraged.

Articles of varying lengths are encouraged. News items (50-250 words) are welcome; announcements or reports of council-sponsored events (or events of council member groups) are likely to receive priority. Short personal essays reflecting an individual’s experience of peace and justice-related events and community action or activism are encouraged, as well.

Feature articles should be no longer than 500 words, unless you are willing to have the piece cut to fit one page of *Peaceways* text. Pieces will be edited for clarity.

Please include references in the text for all quotations, statistics, and unusual facts. End- or footnotes are not used. We

encourage submissions to be queried to the editor at peacewayseditor@gmail.com before writing a unique feature article intended solely for *Peaceways*.

For all submissions, the author’s name, address, and phone number should appear on the body of the submitted text. If you submit material that has been published or which you are also submitting to other publishers, be sure to indicate this. Also include information about your relationship to any organization or issue mentioned in the article for inclusion in a biographical reference at the end of the story. Submissions should be made in Word format via email. Book reviews are usually solicited by the editor; we welcome inquiries from potential reviewers.

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*“There is a higher court than courts of justice, and that is
the court of conscience. It supersedes all other courts.”*
Mahatma Gandhi

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Views from Lexington United, a peace education initiative

Youth United Leadership Camp: *You Can Make a Difference!*

Camp Dates: July 13-17, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

by Gail Koehler

This summer, Lexington United is pleased to offer “Youth United Leadership Camp: You Can Make a Difference!” through the high-quality Camp Carnegie 2015 experience. The Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning is located at 251 West Second St., Lexington.

Who should come to this leadership camp? All rising middle school youth who are interested in launching their futures

as leaders now.

Sarabeth Brownrobie, Lexington United executive director, says to potential camp participants: “Whether your future is owning your own business, working for a company or a non-profit organization, or being the member of a sports team, you will need skills in leadership to work with others and make a difference. You can learn to lead by developing strategies to build community and reduce conflict through hands-on experiences and targeted games.”

At the end of the week, campers will test their leadership abilities and team-building skills they can use in real-life community situations.

The parent of a past Lexington United camp graduate wrote this appreciation in an evaluation: “Let me tell you... [my child] has enjoyed EVERY MOMENT of this awesome experience! Thank you so much, Lexington United...what a great thing for our community. I hope it goes on and on!”

Camp participants can register now for “Youth United Leadership Camp: You Can Make a Difference” online at <http://bit.ly/LexUnited2015>.



Cooperative activities and games like the human knot demonstrate through multiple intelligences the importance of trust, patience, listening and communicating, and teamwork.



Campers explore labels we use to identify ourselves, and labels others use to describe us. Campers learn a number of different labels are applied to them, and to their fellow campers.

More about Camp Carnegie: Camp Carnegie is designed for students entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. This year, it is a series of six half-day, one-week summer camps for rising middle school students. These camps are designed to be both hands-on and educational. All camps are taught by instructors with field experience in the camp topic. Participation is limited to 20 students per camp. Phone inquiries: 859-254-4175, ext.21, for more information and to register. Payment reserves the participant’s space in the camp. Cost: \$75 per camp. A reduced price of \$25 per camp is available for students on free/reduced lunch. Lunch is provided at no cost for full-day campers.

Gail is lead trainer for Lexington United.

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