

2010 Hawkinson Honorary Award

Mary Lou Nelson

Deceased
Jan. 22, 2016

A former teacher and licensed real estate broker, Mary Lou Nelson of Minneapolis has devoted herself to the cause of peace throughout her life.

She has been involved with the United Nations Association (UNA) since its establishment in 1945. At that time, she was a senior high school teacher and taught her students about the important role this organization would have in preserving global peace. She met Eleanor Roosevelt at a rally in Minneapolis for the UN, and thereafter became a leader in both the Minnesota affiliate of UNA and served on the board of directors of the national organization from 1975 to 1995.



In her work with UNA, she chaired many national conferences, created a dialogue process for various constituencies, spoke to many groups, raised money and produced videos, including one about the life of former Minnesota Governor Harold Stassen, a delegate to the 1945 conference that helped start the UN. In 1995, she helped produce a program entitled *"The United Nations through the Eyes of Women."*

She has been an active member of numerous community organizations, including the American Association of University Women (AAUW). She served as AAUW president for two years and also vice president for legislative programs and international representative among her many contributions.

In 1995, Nelson worked to fulfill a dream of bringing Minnesota peace organizations together under an umbrella organization to strengthen their voice and leverage their power to bring about change. She and a small group of other peace activists helped launch a new organization — the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers (MAP) — and she served as its first vice president and chair of the program committee. She has been a delegate to the MAP council and continues as an active MAP member.

"Mary Lou is a wise visionary who believes in the possibility of world peace. Her passion and leadership skills inspire others to become involved in peace work... She has been a mentor to me and I have learned many things from her. Her legacy as a wise elder should be honored and passed on."

Mary White

HAWKINSON HONORARY AWARDS — 1988-2009

- 2009 Jack & Sara Nelson-Pallmeyer
Dr. Helmut & Rotraut Diefenthal
- 2008 Arvid "Bud" Dixen
Rhoda Gilman
Betsy Raasch-Gilman
- 2007 Lowell & Carol Erdahl
- 2006 Ralph & Kay Hilgendorf
Marie & John Braun
- 2005 Luther Granquist
Gene & Mary Lou Ott
- 2004 Donald Irish
- 2003 Brigid McDonald
Jane McDonald
Kate McDonald
Rita McDonald
- 2002 Eleanor & John Yackel
- 2001 Lynn Elling
- 2000 Marv Davidov
- 1999 Joseph Schwartzberg
- 1998 Larry Cloud Morgan
- 1997 Louise Pardee
- 1996 Eleanor Otterness
- 1992 Arthur & Martha Sternberg
- 1991 Joel Mugge
- 1990 Stanley & Martha Platt
- 1989 Marianne Hamilton
Polly Mann
- 1988 Mulford Sibley



As you can see by the article on the right, the Foundation is trying something new this year. This past spring we reached out to the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers (MAP) (of which the Foundation is a long-time member) and decided to jointly sponsor a new fall event, *Bringing Generations Together: Creating a Culture of Peace*. This event is a pilot project and will serve as the Foundation's annual awards presentation for this year.

As we explored various possibilities, the idea of a dialogue between elders and youth resonated with both organizations as a means to inspire, motivate and energize those dedicated to peace and justice. Who better to begin an intergenerational dialogue than our distinguished veteran peacemakers receiving the 2010 Honorary Awards and the passionate students in the 2010 class of Hawkinson scholars? We hope you will join us for this special evening.

This past year, the Foundation launched a new web site — and we are very pleased with the results. Please take a look at www.hawkinsonfoundation.org.

As many of you know, this past June we were very saddened by the death of our board chair, Deon Stuthman. In 1988 Deon became one of the co-founders of the Foundation and has been a dedicated and steadfast advocate for its mission and work over the years. He is sorely missed. (Please see page 10)

Thank you to each of you for your continued support. We invite you to share the story of the Foundation with your family and friends as we widen the circle of those working faithfully for a better world.

Mary Halvorson, Acting Chair
Board of Directors

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THE VINCENT L. Hawkinson FOUNDATION FOR PEACE & JUSTICE

November 5, 2010

Hawkinson Foundation teams with Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers for an intergenerational “culture of peace” event

In an exciting new collaboration, the Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation for Peace & Justice will join with the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers (MAP) in sponsoring an intergenerational event on November 5, 2010 at Centennial United Methodist Church, 1524 West County Road C2, Roseville, MN. Entitled *Bringing Generations Together: Creating a Culture of Peace*, the event includes the following:

- **SCHOLARS DINNER** at 5:30 p.m.
The 2010 Hawkinson scholarship recipients will be special guests at a dinner (reservation only) to raise awareness and funds for the Hawkinson scholarship program. The scholarships will be presented and students will talk about their peacemaking efforts. Invitations will be sent to Hawkinson Foundation and MAP members in the coming weeks.
- **PEACEMAKERS FAIR** from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
A MAP exhibit fair of peace and justice organizations will be open to the public.
- **CULTURE OF PEACE DIALOGUE** at 7:30 p.m.
This free-of-charge program begins with presentation of the 2010 Hawkinson Honorary Awards, followed by an intergenerational dialogue on peacemaking between Hawkinson honorees and Hawkinson scholarship recipients moderated by former MPR program host and reporter Jeff Horwich. Then, students from the University of St. Thomas Peace and Justice program will present alternatives to violence—strategies and tactics—for contributing to a culture of peace. Finally, audience members will be invited to participate in a dialogue, focusing on questions that will define further development of a culture of peace.

“We believe bringing together people of different ages and perspectives and engaging them in thoughtful conversation will strengthen our collective efforts to achieve a more peaceful and just world,” said Eric Hucke, Hawkinson Foundation executive director.

For more information, call 612-331-8125.

