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RE: TPT/AMillionCopies.info

In 2019 I acted on an idea: to contribute \$1,000 per year to TPT, Minnesota's public television. I had been (and continue to be) a small donor – in recent years a monthly sustainer. The \$1,000 – added to the other - I had hoped would be one in which others could also participate, thanks for programming including peace and justice themes.

2020, a year ago, was the first time I conveyed this idea to others. About 100 persons were invited to contribute \$10 each. 34 contributed a total of \$560; I covered the remainder to reach \$1,000. Later TPT reported that the total amount credited was \$1,480, there must have been some “secret Santa[s]”?

This year the donation will be matched by TPT's Board Challenge Fund.

\$1,000 doesn't “buy” anything. In the world of wealth, it is small, but noticed. With the first donation I encouraged showing of the film, “The World is My Country”, the story of WWII era peace advocate Garry Davis. <https://www.theworldismycountry.com> TPT showed the film. I understand that the film has now aired on over 100 PBS stations nationwide. I believe it has now been accepted for showing on Link TV. In my opinion, it is an outstanding film for young people to see – a model for activism and activists in the present day. The film continues to need public support. Check its website.

Last year I spent the remainder of my \$1,000 “budget”, actually more than that, on smaller donations to an assortment of other causes. (I'm revisiting how I'll do that this year, since I've spent the year being deluged with requests, calendars and mailing labels....) All the causes are deserving. It has been an additional learning.

This year I plan to send the contribution to TPT before Thanksgiving, probably mid-November. So, if you plan to contribute, I hope to hear from you before then. Feel free to include a note to TPT if you wish – I'll send it along.

Preferred gift is \$10 or more, in the form of a check- or other instrument that identifies you as the giver, made out to TPT. I will send all of these in a single mailing to the President of TPT.

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation. I expect to continue doing this each year, so long as I can. You'll get a single reminder, this time of year. I'll just keep you on the list, unless you'd rather not be.

All best wishes.

