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PLC NEWS



CONNECTIONS

RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF OUR ADULT EDUCATORS AND YOUTH-SERVING PROFESSIONALS

When students are empowered to practice **healthy, inclusive, nonviolent ways to resolve conflict** with their peers, **transformation happens**. Teachers see it in the classroom. Supervisors see it on the playground and in the hallways. Drivers see it on the bus. Families see it in the home. For nearly fifteen years, PLC's hands-on workshops have provided tools and strategies to help elementary-aged children address conflict occurring in their daily lives. By developing **empathy** and **active listening**, by practicing **how to de-escalate tension and resolve conflicts** without physical violence or humiliation, children begin to develop a deeper sense of self-awareness and empowerment that serves them well in their interactions with others and the environment. The foundation for a healthy vocabulary to address and understand **different points-of-view** is laid. PLC's workshops for adolescents then dive a bit deeper into addressing conflict through exercises involving the **recognition of bias**, the **value of an inclusive community**, the **role of technology** in peer relationships, and the benefit of **restorative practices**.

One of the Board's many goals is to continue to expand our work with adult educators & youth-serving professionals to encourage the use of PLC tools in classrooms or workplaces. When adults implement the use of these tools & strategies, children have an effective model from which to emulate. PLC Staff worked with nearly 100 adults this year through partnerships with University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's School of Education and Public Allies as well as through professional education conference sessions. Feedback from these opportunities show **participants felt more empowered to manage conflict effectively**. In fact, as reported in PLC's 2015-16 PLC Internal Evaluation report, 93% of participating teachers who reported reinforcement of PLC tools in their classrooms saw improvements in student handling of conflict, and 80% of these same teachers agreed that they themselves handled conflict differently since participating in a PLC workshop. Conference participants also responded favorably to the information provided in PLC's experiential sessions. When asked if they learned new ideas that were readily applicable to their teaching context, an overwhelming number replied YES: "...really useful strategies that I can use right away in the classroom."

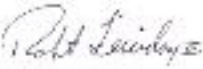
As we look ahead to the start of our 15th workshop season this Fall, we'll continue to be responsive to the needs communicated by teachers & school administrators. By adding additional booster sessions and providing professional development opportunities to discuss youth conflict as it relates to classroom management and school climate, we hope to help create more inclusive, tolerant classroom communities.

Peace Learning Center of Milwaukee, Inc. 2016 Annual Report

Peace Learning Center of Milwaukee, Inc.
2016 Statement of Activities

REVENUES:	Dollars	%
Contributions-Individuals & Organizations	\$31,503	23%
Program Fees	9,290	7%
Special Events Income	8,870	7%
Miscellaneous Income	11	0%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$58,274	100%
EXPENSES:		
Programs		
Program Administration	\$21,702	
Workshop Facilities/Supplies/Wages	1,919	
Workshop Supplies	2,826	
Total Program Expense	\$26,447	76%
Support Services/Expenses:		
Organization Administration Expenses	\$5,425	
Rent/Lease/Utilities/Accounting/Service Fees	1,157	
Insurance/Permits/Other Fees	267	
Insurance	1,908	
Postage and Printing	1,000	
Furniture/Printing Expense	756	
Telephone/Internet Expense	775	
Special Event Expense	654	
Travel/Education/Recognition Expense	114	
Total Support Services Expense	\$12,262	24%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$58,218	100%
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$47,306	
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	\$419	
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$47,725	

I certify that this is a true and accurate statement of 2016 revenues and expenses for the Peace Learning Center, Inc. of Milwaukee.



Robert Ferriday III, Treasurer

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our new website launched in October 2016
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Our 2016-2017 school year saw an unprecedented number of classrooms attend our Peacemakers' Workshop. We are looking for 2017-2018, our 15th year, to be just as remarkable. What drives our organization forward, and makes such success possible is you, our generous, forward-thinking and caring donors. We are grateful that you consider us worthy of your investment, and place trust in the positive work we do each year.

Over 80% of PLC's income comes from individuals, organizations and foundations through annual appeals and fundraising events. This generosity has made it possible for over 12,000 students from Wisconsin to benefit from our workshop experiences since our inception in 2002.

We hope that you will continue to support our mission in the coming years. Along with the children we serve, you are our best advocates to the worth of our mission to Milwaukee. Please help us spread the word about our good work to friends, family and in your workplaces.

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Spring Fundraiser Success

Trivia in Pursuit of Peace

PLC's third annual Trivia in Pursuit of Peace fundraiser was wildly successful with over 120 supporters raising nearly \$7,000 in support of PLC programming. America's Pub Quiz led the fun as sixteen trivia teams battled to beat last year's winning table championed by Kyle and Karen Swanson.

The energy at Sprecher Brewery was contagious, and many took their chances to bid on the wonderful raffle prizes - from Milwaukee Kayak Company rentals to Milwaukee Film Festival passes to Brewers tickets to the renowned "Restock the Bar" premium spirits crate. Many enjoyed the newly-introduced online bidding battle for the Milwaukee Pedal Tavern. Many thanks to area businesses who donated raffle items to help make this our most successful event yet!

Proceeds from Trivia Night support programming which allows us to offer area schools our experiential workshops in nonviolent conflict resolution and peacebuilding.



Trivia Champs:
The Two-Timers

2017-2018 PLC Board of Directors

Kim Apfelbach, Chair; Molly Zillig, Vice Chair; Bob Ferriday, Treasurer; Shazia Ali, Secretary; Cassie Cibik, Paul Moriarity, Kate Pfister.

Special thanks to **Moya Mowbray** whose Board leadership, vision and outreach served PLC tremendously during her tenure; to **Barbara Flint** for her passion & service in the short time she rejoined the Board; to **Chris Yoder** who kept us connected to Friends Meeting and enriched our discussions with his educational insight; and to **Terrell Moore** whose enthusiasm and perspective were invigorating & transforming. We also wish PLC facilitator **Kathleen Huber** much success as she begins pursuing a career in nursing.

PEACEMAKER OF THE YEAR: JOAN ROBERTSON

Peace Learning Center of Milwaukee (PLC) is committed to educating, inspiring and empowering children to live peacefully by teaching principles of healthy communication, nonviolence and conflict resolution. Through its Peacemaker of the Year Award, the Center recognizes the outstanding contributions of individuals or organizations who are committed to working diligently to promote peace in our community.

PLC is pleased to announce Joan Robertson as this year's Donald Austin-Phyllis Berentsen Peacemaker of the Year Award recipient. Joan is a 101-year-old Milwaukee native who has dedicated her life to world peace, human rights and equality. She has been an active member of the United Nations Association, Greater Milwaukee United Nations Association, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, as well as a dedicated supporter of PLC for the past 15 years.

Joan is not only passionate about building a more peaceful world through the mission of the United Nations but firmly believes in the importance of educating children. "I think it is vitally important to give children that background of negotiating before conflict begins," said Joan in an interview with PLC. Through the Annette J. Roberts and Joan R. Robertson Fund for World Peace, World Law and Peace Education, and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, PLC has incorporated modules about the United Nations into its curriculum, and ten area Milwaukee Public Schools have integrated the United Nations Schools of International Learning Curriculum for their fourth and sixth graders. The curriculum introduces students to world issues and global sustainability, fostering new perspectives and understanding at an early age. "It has to start with young kids in some way," says Joan. Next year, the curriculum will be expanded to MPS 5th and 7th graders as well.

Joan was inspired by her mother, Annette J. Roberts, who was a suffragette and marched for women's rights in Chicago along with Jane Addams. Joan would join her mother in attending conventions and recalls being impressed by the vibrant women activists. However, it was her experience of World War II that continued to motivate Joan. She recalls leaving her aunt and uncle's home in Austria which was under Nazi control. "It was palpable that the war was about to begin," she says, "and this was a propellant for me." Her family's experience in World War II and the combination of world affairs at the time made her believe that there was another way.

Joan is a humble inspiration to us all, an example of what one can accomplish when driven by a passion to make the world a better place. "I see hope everywhere, I really do," she says. She especially believes in today's youth and their ability to cultivate change. For her commitment to international peace, volunteerism, and fostering childhood education, we are pleased to announce Joan Robertson as Peacemaker of the Year.



Cooperative Games: UWM Mediation student Amy Lee assists Banting Elementary School fifth graders with group activities designed to build trust, cooperation, tolerance, and empathy.



World Championship of Ready-Set-Go! Game Show: PLC Facilitator Tracy Ebert ends the indoor portion of the day's activities with an activity to reinforce tools and concepts learned throughout the workshop.

22 SCHOOLS SERVED IN 2016-17:

Banting Elementary School	Lincoln Avenue School
Dr. Benjamin Carson Academy	McDowell Montessori School
Benjamin Franklin School	MCP 36th Street School
Blair Elementary School	MCP 38th Street School
Cass Street School	Messmer Preparatory School
Congress School	Milw Math & Science Academy
Craig Montessori School	Neeskara School
Doerfler Middle School	St. Catherine School
Ralph Waldo Emerson School	St. Eugene Congregation School
Gaenslen School	St. Rose/St Leo Catholic School
La Escuela Fratney	Woodlands School

"I CHAPERONED MY SON'S FIELD TRIP TO THE CENTER. I FEEL LIKE I LEARNED AS MUCH AS HE AND HIS PEERS DID."

Peacemakers' Workshop parent participant review on Facebook

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-Teacher review of
Peacemakers' Workshop
on Facebook



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Ethan Keller performed at
The Coffee House benefit
for PLC.

2016-17 PLC COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Ethan Keller performance at The Coffee House/PLC benefit
- Doors Open Milwaukee through Milwaukee Friends Meetinghouse
- #GivingTuesday campaign
- Milwaukee Biz Times nonprofit directory spotlight
- Milwaukee Film Festival partner
- Public Allies training
- UWM mediation student training
- UWM School of Education MCEA teacher candidate training
- Adult Education Series - North Shore Presbyterian Church
- Channel 18/24 "Our Issues Milwaukee" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRavjNUWQo>
- Alternative Gift Markets at North Shore Presbyterian Church and Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church
- Educators Network for Social Justice Annual Conference
- Milwaukee Public Montessori Peace Summit

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