

Hearts of Peace

We walk a path towards happiness, courageous in our stride. We sing a melody of joy, and the sun's bright in the sky. Storms of inhumanity fail to block our way. We listen to the sound of hope and you will hear us say:

With our strong hearts of peace we will free the world to see that we are meant to live in harmony with our strong hearts of peace.

Enlightenment's the journey we embark on every day. We dare to open up our souls and the inner darkness fades. Doubts and opposition only strengthen our crusade. The future's full of fortune and it's shining while we say:

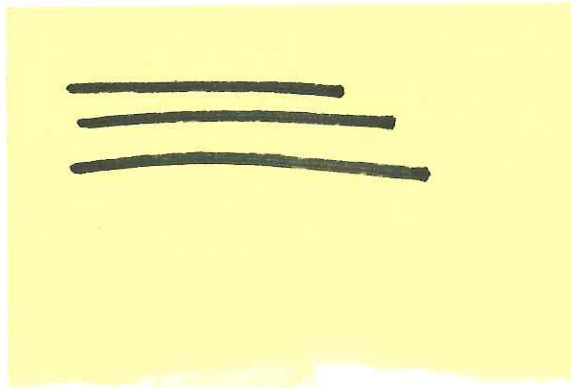
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Now she listens. . .



Someone Listened

by Diana Thomas

I have a friend who, unknowingly, has been my mentor for twenty years. She is extremely competent within her profession but she excels as a human being. When I am around her she ingenuously showers me with her kindness, confidence, competence, honesty and happiness. After each encounter, I strive to absorb a few more droplets of her shared humanity before it evaporates into the demands of daily living. What magic transpired to achieve such peace within oneself?

Someone listened. They listened to her with their ears and eyes and heart and in so doing empowered her to acknowledge and challenge her individual qualities. Someone listened, encouraging her to compose and choreograph her own life according to her needs.

*Now the light is unseen
though it shines above,
But arise the wind and
clear the skies.
Then from Zaphon come gold,
Fierce splendor of God.*

-- Job 37:21



Now she listens to her inner self first so she can effectively listen to others. She listens holistically, motivated by genuine interest or concern, responding to both verbal and nonverbal messages. She passes on the gift of empowerment wrapped subtly in the art of listening.

I am still discovering the magic within myself and in the process I am learning to listen rather than partially hear; respond rather than impatiently await my turn to speak; understand rather than critique. Now is the time to pass along the gift...for everyone deserves to listen.

Our Website at Collective Communication

Our new Collective Communication website at <http://intermix.org/home.htm/> runs on a 486 Cyrix 100 with 32 meg of ram and a gig. The server is O'Reilly's NT Website 1.1, soon to be replaced by Website Pro. We have a 34.4 connection topped off at 56kb after compression to our internet service provider (ISP) Dave Harris of Westside BBS fame. Thanks to Dave for giving us a good deal.

Now 56kb is not a lot, so we can't have much in the way of graphics until we find an eleemosynary soul with a bigger pipe to host them for us. I'll bet someone knows someone with a good T1 connection who will help us out. Please contact rogereaton@earthlink.net.

What we will have is a web BBS. CCI board member Tim Gordon is sysop, and also technical consultant without whom we would have no website at all. He is into computer games, so I'm sure the BBS will have a section on that. In addition, we plan a discussion area for our online volunteers, and another for Los Angeles issues. We are expecting stupendous growth, naturally, so no matter that we are a total unravelled fringe group, by this time next year we should be hosting multiple discussion areas on our own InterMix software, beginning to puzzle some people and having fun at it, too.

Online volunteers. That's what we want and need now. Collective Communication is an idea with a lot of spinoffs, and each aspect or tangent has its own devotees out there on the web. We need volunteers to link people to people on the net with those who are interested in global community and the human identity (which may not be the right word), non-violence, the web as an intelligence for humanity, religious ecumenicism, collaborative filtering, consumer ratings, ethnic identities of all sorts, Los Angeles, sister cities programs, world ecology, etc, etc, and of course, collective communication if anyone else is already working on it. We will build reciprocal web links on the basis of the volunteer contacts. I'm suspecting the web is a great organizing medium. Let's try it and find out.

This year we build our online community. Next year we switch to our own InterMix software and implement a collective dialogue between the community and our righteous newsletter editor Patricia Rowuin -- community directed media!

-- Roger Eaton

Sisters of Peace Conference

On June 29, over a hundred women of the United States and Japan will once again participate in the "Sisters of Peace" bridge ceremony. This ceremony was begun last year by the Women's Federation for World Peace to commemorate fifty years of peace with Japan since the ending of World War II. In the ceremony, each Japanese woman is matched with an American woman to be sisters or penpals. They cross a bridge and embrace and exchange gifts, pledging peace between our two countries in the future.

So far, many notable politicians, entertainers, and others have participated in the ceremony; including former first lady Barbara Bush; California State Senator Diane Watson; Cheryl Landon, daughter of actor Michael Landon; and Coretta Scott King, wife of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Speakers at the events have included these celebrities as well as Jack Kemp, William Bennett, Charlton Heston, and former presidents George Bush and Gerald Ford. This coming event will feature Martha Williamson, creator of the television series "Touched by an Angel."

The Women's Federation for World Peace was started by Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon in 1987 in Asia, dedicated to establishing a peaceful world through the establishment of healthy loving families. Initially, conferences were held which united Korean and Japanese women. Because of their difficult history together, much animosity and mistrust remains between these two countries, which the conferences have worked to alleviate. Then, in 1993, WFWP was established in the United States. Begun last year in Washington, D.C. the sisterhood ceremonies are now taking place in many U.S. cities.

The June 29th conference will be held at the Renaissance LAX hotel from 12:30 to 8:30PM. The program includes a snack and sit down dinner, entertainment, as well as the ceremony and main speaker's talk. Tickets are \$40.00 in advance or \$50.00 at the door, and are available through the WFWP office by calling (818) 432-5454. Please bring a gift to your sister. Although only women may participate, men are welcome to come and observe.

-- Luke Diamond

Somebody Should . . .

Set up a web site devoted to where you can spend money. There are already lots of shopping sites on the web. But, what if you don't want to shop? You just want to pay.

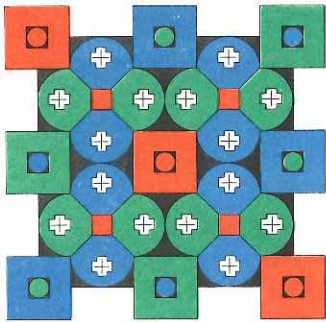
How often haven't you thought, "Those guys that wrote that shareware Calendar really deserve some bucks. But, what a hassle just to write a \$25 dollar check and mail it."

How often didn't you read that your favorite performance artist needs money. I mean, suppose Noam Chomsky ran for president, placed a strong second in New Hampshire, and couldn't go to California for lack of money?

How often haven't you thought you wanted to buy something but it was just too much hassle to find out whom to pay for it.

Well, "Yen to pay" (YEHAY) a New Age Spontaneous Shopping Paradigm website is for you. All that is there is a list. If something in the universe accepts electronic payment for anything it is on the list.

-- rva



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What Is Collective Communication?

Collective communication is a surprising new concept. The idea is simple, voting on messages, yet it seems capable of endless development. At its farthest reach it raises the possibility of a non-bureaucratic world government that will have the assent of the nations.

A group can send a collective message to an individual as well as to another group. This means that a group can maintain a dialogue with its leaders. There are other possibilities, too. By collective message, a group can seek advice from an individual outside the group or try to influence someone.

Collective communication on a global scale will foster systems of cross-cutting loyalties. Of course the nations will each have a voice. So too, though, will men and women collectively, the young and the old, the rich and the poor. The major political trends and religions will each cross-cut humanity in their own way, and the cities of the world will develop alliances which may not follow national boundaries.

Humanity and the individual will be allies against the tyrannies of mankind's divisions. Standing above every particular system of loyalties, humanity will inevitably champion human rights against all regimentation, torture and killing.

How strange and wonderful will be the world then! The picture is really very alien to our way of thinking and takes some getting used to.

Humanity 2001

Our mission is to create an intelligent and believable collective voice for humanity by the end of the century.

We must build intelligence right into our InterMix software for the web and at the same time reach out to involve all the peoples of the earth. A fundamental idea is that InterMix users are to the network as neurons are to the mind.



One day over ice tea, a concept was born . . . to create a collective voice for the world by the end of the century.

The Editor's Corner

It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to Collective Communication, Inc., (CCI). CCI is a non-profit organization set up to encourage an open electronic dialogue between people no matter their gender or race.

From the beginning of time, man and woman has had the need to communicate with one another. Cave paintings told stories of great events. The use of art continued to tell stories for centuries.

Today, it is easier to communicate. Take a look around, computers, cell phones, fax machines to name a few. Letters from children around the world who are pen pals. The list goes on and on, but you get the picture.

As your editor, it is my hope to keep an open dialogue between the people on the Web page and people who read this newsletter.

Once again, welcome and let's start communicating. We would love to hear from you!!!

— Patricia Rowuin

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