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**Sunday Morning  
 Platform Meetings  
 11:15 AM – Ceremonial Hall**

**March 4**

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 Woman of Ethical Culture**

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 Joseph Marvel Presides

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 In America and the Fate  
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 Political Asylum in the  
 United States**

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 Clara Malekshahi Presides

***Save the Date!!***

**Friday, March 30  
 An Ethical Culture  
 Spring Festival**

*(See page 9 for details)*

## March Happenings

Once again it's time for our **Annual Benefit Concert for the Stained Glass Windows!** Come on **Sunday, March 18, 2:00 pm**, for another exciting musical event. In this, our 12<sup>th</sup> program, we'll showcase new soloists and groups playing new music as well as old favorites. After the concert, we'll get a chance to mingle, meet, and talk with our performers. Ceremonial Hall. *(See page 7.)*

On **Friday, March 23, 7:00 pm**, **Ethics and the Theater** will present Robert Anderson's play, *I Never Sang for My Father*, about a widower with a frail mother whom he loves and a father whom he has never been able to love. Come at **6:30 pm** for a wine and cheese reception, and stay for our usual discussion of the ethical issues raised. Ceremonial Hall. *(See page 7.)*

## President's Notes

*Andra Miller*



For those of you who missed the Pot Luck Pledge Party, you missed an evening of great food and great fun. Thanks to the 50 of you who came, to all who brought food and drink, and—of course—to all who pledged at the party and soon after. We'll be publishing a listing of those who have turned in their pledge cards or called Moe-Swe with their pledges in the next issue of *Ethical Outlook*. Make sure *your* name is on the list!

Also thanks to all who attended the Auditorium meeting and expressed their dismay or other thoughts about the loss of use of our Auditorium on Sundays. I'm proud of our articulate membership, and appreciated the open sharing of  
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## From the Leader's Desk

*Dr. Anne Klaeysen*



### Sisters, We Still Have a Long Way to Go!

When my daughter was born, I "time-traveled" back to all the consciousness-raising sessions on my college campus; Equal Rights Amendment rallies in Washington, DC; "Take Back the Night" walks in Manhattan; and Planned Parenthood house meetings in Brooklyn. There were myriad marches, petitions, and conferences. I hoped that my daughter would grow up in a world that recognized her equality with her brother and that they could meet life's challenges with the same opportunities, and, for the most part, my hopes have been realized. Both children earned college degrees; it was the economic downturn, not her gender, that prolonged my  
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**President's Notes**

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concerns about this turn of events. I also was impressed with the resolve of some to make sure that by next February, when the one-year rental contract is up, we'll be strong enough to "take back" our big Sunday space.

Those who have vowed to do their part in increasing our membership and, therefore, income—or to work on finding funding sources or designing and administering fundraising campaigns—are welcome to volunteer for or submit proposals to any of our committees. You can also give your ideas to Board members, but I hasten to add that ideas are not very much help without a working commitment of time and effort towards making them become reality.

For your information, these are our Committees: Advocacy Forum, Archives Task Force, Audit, Awards, Building, Bylaws and Policy, Caring (with SSB's Empowering Ethical Elders program), Co-Sponsored Programs, Earth Day Task Force, Endowment, Ethical Action, Ethical Adventures, Ethical Economics, Ethical Enrichment, Ethics in Film, Ethics in the News, Ethics in the Theater, Finance, Fundraising, Internet, Leaders' Advisory, Life with Health,

Membership, Membership Retreat, Newsletter, Personnel, Pledge Drive, Public Relations, Rental, Radio, School and Society, Socrates Café, Sunday Programs, Sunday School/Family Programs, and Younger Members. Let me know if you have suggestions for any of these committees, would like to know more about them, would like to volunteer to help when needed, or would like to apply to join one.

And thanks to those already devoting their time and efforts to committee work and serving on the Board. Where would NYSEC be without you?

Finally, I do want to thank all those on staff or in our membership who say "yes" when asked to volunteer, and who can always be counted on to help out whenever needed. Tasks as simple as handing out the Sunday programs or taking cash at lunch need your participation—as do the more demanding tasks, such as staffing information tables at Society events and shepherding newcomers and answering their questions. We very much appreciate both the little and the big things that you do for the New York Society for Ethical Culture. Thank you!

One more thing: It is time for another **Community Meeting** (our bylaws require two of these a year aside from our Annual Membership Meeting in May). We were unable to

schedule it at the usual Sunday afternoon time because all the afternoon slots were filled, so we booked it for **Saturday, March 10, 11:00 am**, in the Elliott Library, Room 507. We'll be reporting progress and plans, and looking for your contributions of thoughts and information. Please save the date!

## Leader's Desk

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daughter's search for work. But I still worry more about my daughter's safety than my son's because I know that her gender makes her more vulnerable. We still haven't taken back the night for women, and our rights continue to be threatened, especially during this presidential campaign.

Women's rights are not guaranteed throughout our nation. Because there is no ERA, individual states can pass laws that restrict our freedom. The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, ratified in 1868, states in section 1: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." It was understood to grant equal protection and suffrage to former slaves—African-American men—and, with the word 'male' in section 2, to explicitly exclude women.

Nonetheless, Susan B. Anthony registered to vote in Rochester, NY, and cast her vote in the presidential election of 1872, for which she was arrested and convicted. She refused to pay bail, but

a judge released her anyway when another judge set a new bail, and the first one paid it. *The United States v. Susan B. Anthony*, which she lost, is a milestone case of how the Constitution does not apply to women.

Here's another milestone case. In 1886, the Supreme Court ruled, in *Santa Clara County v. Southern Pacific Railroad Company*, that corporations are "persons" under the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. It still has not recognized women, not completely. It took the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, ratified in 1920, to give women the right to vote, but suffrage was the only right we gained. Corporations enjoy more protections from state laws due to "personhood" than women do. It makes a difference where a woman calls "home." And, should a Republican be elected President, her freedom would be threatened throughout the nation, not only in terms of reproductive choice, but also basic health care. Last month's battle between Planned Parenthood and Susan G. Komen won't be the last time that conservative politicians practice misogyny.

And what if a woman decides to start a family? As Dina Bakst, a lawyer and the founder/president of A Better Balance: The Work and Family Legal Center, recently wrote, "Few people realize that getting pregnant can mean losing your job. Imagine a woman who, seven months into her pregnancy, is fired from her position as a cashier because she needed a few extra bathroom breaks. Or imagine another pregnant employee who was fired from her retail job after giving her supervisors a doctor's note requesting she be allowed to refrain from heavy lifting and climbing ladders during the month and a

half before her maternity leave." And yet, that's just what is happening here in New York State and other states because there is a gap between discrimination laws and disability laws.

This gap could easily be filled by the Equal Rights Amendment or a Supreme Court that would apply the "personhood" of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to women. We comprise the majority of humankind, yet minority rules apply to us. Every hard-fought step towards equality is never completely won; we must be vigilant and safeguard it.

## Sunday Morning Platform Meetings 11:15 AM

### March 4—Anna Garlin Spencer, First Woman of Ethical Culture

*Dr. Anne Klaeyesen, Leader*

Anna Garlin Spencer, a social reformer and independent minister, was the first woman ordained in the state of Rhode Island and the first woman Ethical Culture Leader. She was an activist for women's suffrage and peace, as well as an early pioneer in the social work field (then called philanthropy). Her articles and books on the family included the first college textbook on the topic, and she was an early instructor at what became the Columbia University School of Social Work. Although Spencer was well known to her contemporaries, few people today have heard of her, a situation that I plan to remedy.

The shared charity is Planned Parenthood NYC.

### March 11—The Immoral Disparity Of Wealth in America and the Fate of Democracy

*Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader*

The Occupy Wall Street Movement has brilliantly raised our consciousness about economic disparity in America. Propelling that consciousness has been the hemorrhaging of the middle class and the dislocations it continues to endure: falling wages, chronic unemployment and underemployment, home foreclosures, disappearing employee benefits and pensions, and being “maxed-out” on credit. Also emerging is a growing realization that social mobility in America has ground to a halt. If you are born poor, the chances are great that you will stay poor; if you are born into wealth, wealthy you will remain.

The obscene disparities of wealth are not only egregiously unfair, but are also unwise for another fundamental reason: our nation cannot endure gross economical inequality and remain democratic. This address will endeavor to explain why, and propose a progressive response.

The shared charity is West Side Campaign Against Hunger.

**March 18–I Believe in Yesterday: Nostalgia Reconsidered**

*Dr. Henry Seiden*

Sometimes nostalgia is sentimental: all the bad memories associated with a time and a place are conveniently forgotten. Sometimes nostalgia is defensive—personally painful recollections have been deliberately screened out. Sometimes nostalgia is mythic: some never experienced (if imaginary) historical golden age is longed for. Sometimes it takes a political form—a longing for those times when presumably the world was right and the direction promising. Sometimes it can be poisonous and reflect a destructive rage at present

circumstances. And sometimes nostalgia is value-giving and personally grounding—reminding us of our own once-imagined future.

The shared charity is the American Ethical Union.

**March 25–Our Obligation to the Stranger: Political Asylum in the United States**

*Dr. Joseph Chuman, Leader*

The United States has historically projected two conflicting messages. On the one hand, we promote our founding myth as a haven for those fleeing persecution. On the other, we have spurned the newcomer as threatening and not authentically American. Our nation is experiencing one of its periodic episodes of nativism and xenophobia. For those who are ethically minded, this is the occasion to deepen our commitment to the best of American ideals. It is time for us to reconsider our relationship to “the other,” the stranger in our midst who, by virtue of nationality and ethnicity, is not “one of us,” and is not immediately protected by our laws. Arguably, the most beleaguered are those fleeing political persecution and who come here seeking political asylum. More often than we would like to believe, such asylum seekers are victims of torture in their land of origin. Though political asylum is a right protected under international and US federal law, unknown to most Americans it is a right often denied, and asylum seekers are frequently imprisoned and further traumatized.

This address will highlight our moral obligation to the persecuted, and Ethical Culture’s historical role of providing support for those in need. It will also discuss the mission and

work undertaken on behalf of the persecuted by the Bergen County, New Jersey, Sanctuary Committee. The Committee was founded by the Bergen Society to assist those most needy of new arrivals to our shores.

Born out of the Society’s experience in the 1980s providing a sanctuary for Salvadoran refugees, and in the tradition of Ethical Culture, the Sanctuary Committee is now an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to providing a comprehensive range of humanitarian services, including housing, for political asylum seekers, both before and after they win political asylum. The Committee also agitates for liberalization of an asylum system that criminalizes those it is supposed to help. In my address I will discuss the work of the Sanctuary Committee, the extraordinary stories of its clients, and the political and ethical conditions that make it necessary.

The shared charity is Bergen County Sanctuary.

**Early Sunday 10 AM**

(Rooms subject to change)

**Mar. 4–Chorus Practice**—All voices, big and small, are welcome. Led by Pat Debrovner and Jerry Ranck, we’ll practice the songs we sing on Sunday mornings and get some tips to improve our singing technique. Ceremonial Hall.

**Mar. 11–Colloquy–Reading Montaigne.** John Hwang presides. Room 408.

**Mar. 18–Poetry Reading**—Welcome Spring! Come read with us and celebrate the new season. Cheryl Gross presides. Room 508.

**Mar. 18—Chorus Practice**—Led by Pat Debrovner and Jerry Ranck. Ceremonial Hall.

**Mar. 25—Psalms of the Land.** Curt Collier presides. Ceremonial Hall.

## Sunday Afternoon 1:30 PM

(Except as noted)

**Mar. 4—Maira Whittington’s Memorial Service.** Ceremonial Hall. (In place of Foundations of EC.)

**Mar. 11—Ethics in the News.** Mary Ellen Goodman presides. Room 508.

**Mar. 18—Stained Glass Windows Benefit Concert.** 2:00 pm. Ceremonial Hall. (See page 7 for more information.)

**Mar. 25—Ethical Economics.** Curt Collier presides. Ceremonial Hall.

## Lunch Discussions Thursdays, 12:00 Noon

Bring your lunch and join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyen and members in the Elliott Library, Room 507, from **12:00 noon to 1:30 pm**. This month’s topic will be: **Education**.

**Mar. 1—“School ‘Reform’: A Failing Grade”** by Diane Ravitch, *The NY Review of Books*, 9/29/11.

**Mar. 8—“My Parents Were Home-Schooling Anarchists”** by Margaret Heidenry, *The NY Times*, 11/8/11.

**Mar. 15—“Citizen Philosophers: Teaching Justice in Brazil”** by Carlos Fraenkel, *Boston Review*, Jan./Feb. 2012.

**Mar. 22—“From Finland, an Intriguing School-Reform Model”** by Jenny Anderson, *The NY Times*, 12/12/11, and **“What Americans Keep Ignoring About Finland’s School Success”** by Anu Partanen, *The Atlantic*, Dec. 2011.

**Mar. 29—“How to Land Your Kid in Therapy”** by Lori Gottlieb, *The Atlantic*, July/August 2011.

Folders with relevant articles will be available from Yalitza Garcia in the Leaders’ office. Please come and join the discussion.

## Our Ethical Family

*Moe-Swe Myint*

Please welcome new members **Dr. Florence Falk-Dickler** and **Joseph Horn**.

**Florence** was a member of the Teaneck, NJ, Ethical Society for years until recently, when she moved to NYC and joined us. She is retired and likes reading, writing, films, and book discussion groups. She is also the founder and former chair of the Bergen County National Organization for Women, and was involved in that organization for over 20 years. Her granddaughter is currently enrolled in the Ethical Culture Fieldston School.

**Joe** is a lawyer, and he likes that Ethical Culture attracts “good people involved in doing good stuff.” He enjoys hiking, running, and reading nonfiction. Joe is a regular participant in our Felix Adler seminars.

We are very pleased to have them here with us.

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A short version of member **Abe Markman’s** Platform address of April 3, 2010, “Overcoming Hidden Biases,” was published in the March/April edition of *The Humanist* magazine. Congratulations!

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We had a wonderful **Pledge Party** on Saturday, January 28. The theme was “There’s No Place Like Home!” and many members made extra efforts to make it feel like a real home-style (but

very classy) pot-luck party. Pledge Committee members and the Pledge Party team of **Bonnie Bean, Muriel and Bob Berger, Carole Chamlin, Leader Dr. Anne Klaeyen, Barbara Levenson, Bob Liebeskind, Beverly Newman, Carol and Dick Van Deusen, and Tod Whitaker** were indispensable in making this a real success. Kudos go to NYSEC staffer **Yalitza Garcia** for her skills and creativity in the production of the pledge brochure and for taking good care of the invitations, as usual. Many of our members showed off their impressive culinary skills by bringing outstanding dishes they had prepared. Thanks to everyone for attending and supporting your Society by filling in those pledge cards. If you weren’t able to attend, you missed a great party, but you can mail your pledges in; you should have received pledge cards by the time you are reading this. Make your Society your home; love it and support it by sending in those cards!

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On Sunday, January 29, the **Social Service Board** offered a presentation, “SSB going strong in 2012!” SSB Trustee and Chair **Dr. Phyllis Harrison-Ross** introduced all the SSB Board members and friends. A 10-minute video chronicling the work that has been done by SSB and its collaborators in the past, produced by **Howard Parker** and videographer **Roland Marconi**, was screened. Afterwards, **J. Soffiyah Elijah, Esq.; Robert Gangi; Rev. Willard Ashley; Dr. Ivan Quervalu; Dr. Maria Fridman; Henry Bunch; Eric Norlander; Rosemary Irving, LCSW-R; Mark Zilberman, LCSW; Rob Hofman; Ms. Tanya Krupat**, The Osborne Association of New York; and **Dr. Thelma Dye**, Northside Center for Child Development, all gave brief descriptions of their work, which was in the tradition

of our mission, “Deed before Creed” and “Putting our Ethics into Action.” Also, **Eric Norlander** and **Howard Parker** prepared an exhibit of some of the photographs by our Women’s Shelter guests, which was put on display in Social Hall. Thanks to Trustee and SSB member, **Nicola DeMarco**, for organizing this event, and to **Leader Dr. Anne Klaeysen, Meg Chapman, Monica Weiss, Pat Debrovner, Gerald Ranck, our Adult and Children’s Choirs, Bob Liebeskind, and Marlon and staff** for enabling, facilitating, and participating in this presentation.

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**Member News:**

The following members are celebrating birthdays in March: **Elizabeth Jacobs, 3/3; Tom Weishaar, 3/3; Jean Baker, 3/4; Ben Gersten, 3/8; Andra Miller, 3/10; Lew Widoff, 3/15; Elliot Gruenberg, 3/16; Patricia O’Malley, 3/17; Peter Houts, 3/17; Matthew Mallinson, 3/18; Mary Ellen Goodman, 3/20; Judith Zisseron, 3/23; Ysabella Gara, 3/25; Barbara Litke, 3/26; Lee Oppenheimer, 3/27; Beth Zucker, 3/29.**

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The dates for our **2012 Fall Members’ Retreat** are: **Friday, Sept. 14–Sunday, Sept. 16.** Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis, so please reserve your place by sending the \$100 deposit as early as possible. (See page 10 for more information.)

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If you need the latest **Membership Directory**, please contact me by phone at 212–874–5210, ext. 113, or email: [mmyint@nysec.org](mailto:mmyint@nysec.org); you may also go on line at our website: [www.nysec.org](http://www.nysec.org).

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We are very sad to announce that our beloved member **Moira Whittington** died in her 85<sup>th</sup> year on Thursday, February 2, after a long illness.

A member of Ethical Culture since 1970, Moira was a very committed and active member and served for years on the Ushering Committee and the Visiting Committee, and



Moira Whittington

was a newsletter mailing coordinator and a member of NY Conference.

In recent years she was an indefatigable member of the Lunch Committee and was always a most welcoming presence as a greeter on Sundays. Her grace, her charm, and her most lovely and unmistakable Irish brogue will be sorely missed.

## Ethical Enrichment

### Ethics in Film



Chris Everett

Join us on **Friday, March 2, 7:00 pm** (the doors open at **6:30 pm**), in Ceremonial Hall, to see this cinema verité-style sci-fi thriller nominated for a Best Picture Academy Award, the 2009 film *District 9*, directed by Neill Blomkamp.

When aliens land on Earth, global business conglomerate Multi-National United forces them into rigid containment zones where they are compelled to labor, even as MNU commandeers their otherworldly technology for profit. As tensions build between human and nonhuman races, a rogue agent leads a resistance movement against MNU’s ruthless consolidation of power. I will lead our post-film discussion.

The suggested donation: \$5.

*els between Modern Physics and Eastern Mysticism*, by Fritjof Capra.

Published in 1975, and rereleased in a special edition for its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this book brought the mystical implications of subatomic physics to popular consciousness for the first time. In his new preface, the author reflects on further discoveries and developments. “Physicists do not need mysticism,” Dr. Capra says, “and mystics do not need physics, but humanity needs both.”

There is no charge for members; the public’s suggested donation is \$5.

### Ethics in Film: Contemporary Documentaries

On **Monday, March 19, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm**, join Leader Dr. Anne Klaeysen in the Adler Study, Room 514. We’ll be showing *The Atheism Tapes—Part 2*, (2004). Three renowned intellectuals—playwright Arthur Miller, biologist Richard Dawkins, and theologian Denys Turner—debate whether God exists in these fascinating interviews with playwright and atheist Jonathan Miller.

The film showing is free to members, and \$5 for guests.

### Ethics in Literature Reading Group

Come on **Monday, March 5, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm**, to the Elliott Library, Room 507. Leader Dr. Anne Klaeysen will host a discussion on *The Tao of Physics: An Exploration of the Parel-*

## Ethics and the Theater

Patricia Bruder Debrovner

On Friday, March 23, from 7:00 pm–9:00 pm, Ethics and the Theater will present Robert Anderson’s play, *I Never Sang For My Father*.



It is the story of Gene, a widower with a frail mother whom he loves and a father whom he has never loved, as hard as he tried.

When Gene is suddenly faced with the choice between starting a new life in California and caring for his needy father, he tries once again to rouse in himself affection for a man who is more adept at charming strangers than at showing love for his children.

Susan Horowitz will direct our cast, which will include Pat Debrovner, John Gurney, Dan Hanson, Peter Houts, Joan Klips, John Lovelady, Carol Rost, Elizabeth Ungar, and Tom Weishaar.

Come at 6:30 pm for a wine and cheese reception and, after the reading, participate in a discussion of the ethical issues of the play, led by Dr. Anne Klaeyens.

The suggested donation is \$5. Ceremonial Hall.

## Benefit Concert For the Stained Glass Windows

Join us for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Concert for the Stained Glass Windows on Sunday, March 18, 2:00–4:30 pm, in Ceremonial Hall.



This will be an exciting musical program featuring new ensembles and soloists playing their hearts out! We’ll hear new combinations and old strains, and have an opportunity to meet and talk with these talented artists. It’s an event not to be missed.

General admission is \$15, and \$10 for seniors and students.

Light refreshments will be provided. To purchase your tickets, contact: Moe-Swe Myint at 212-874-5210, ext.113, or email her at [mmyint@nysec.org](mailto:mmyint@nysec.org), or phone Ruth Cohen at 212-860-4096.

Please provide your name, the number of tickets you desire, and your phone number.

## SSB and Correctional Assoc. of NY

Join us on Wednesday, March 7, 7:00 pm, in Ceremonial Hall, when the Correctional Association of New York, directed by Social Service Board member J. Soffiyah Elijah will partner with NYSEC in presenting a program here at the Society. The program is in recognition of Women’s History Month, as March 8 is International Women’s Day at the United Nations, and it aims to explore and celebrate the accomplishments of women from a Third World international perspective. We will hear brief presentations by four guest speakers, including Maritzel Gonzalez, who is the President of the Federation of Cuban Women.



J. Soffiyah Elijah

Admission is free. We look forward to seeing you at this very special event.

## Ethics for Children

Angelique Mouyis,  
Sunday School Teacher

To open the month of February, the Sunday School students at NYSEC met with me on Sunday, February 5. Games of “Put Up Tag” and “Earth Ball” on the roof helped us break the ice and get our energy going. In our favorite room, the Adler Study, we gathered to recall earlier work we’d done about Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement. Originally from South Africa, I introduced the students to a similar movement that had taken place in my home country. I told them of the great leader of “the Struggle” — South Africa’s Nelson Mandela. After some discussion about apartheid and how Nelson Mandela went from being a prisoner to

a President, we spoke about the leaders in our own lives, and what qualities made them leaders. We then drew pictures of them, and shared who they were with the rest of the class. Afterward, we turned our pictures into “Leadership flags.”



The children show their finished “Leadership flags.”

## Poetry Corner

### Conversation

*Harriet Bigus*

The blight of silence...  
 The blight of blather...  
 The blessing of connection.

### The Theater

*Harriet Bigus*

The theater is a holy place,  
 where we, and our characters may say,  
 “we lived once,”  
 ..... “and were beautiful.”

### No Gun Ri

*Tom Kennedy*

The infamous site where 400 South Koreans were Massacred by US troops in the Early days of the 1950 American war in Korea.  
 I am one of a five-member “Veterans for Peace” delegation sent to South Korea To work with Korean Veterans for Peace in support of an effort to prevent the Eviction of farmers from land being taken from them for A US base expansion.

We stand in a circle looking down at the bullet-ridden wall,  
 The entrance to the train tunnel that goes through the village of No Gun Ri.  
 Our hosts include a retired South Korean General.  
 He wants to know about this place—what happened?  
 A small altar of flowers and pictures shows some of the children and mothers Who died here 60 years ago.  
 Among our small group of about ten is a humble woman who cries silently to herself.  
 She was a nine-year-old girl who watched in horror as all those around her went down In a hail of bullets from machine guns and even planes that strafed the entrance And into the railroad tunnel where the soldiers had told them to go for their safety.  
 She speaks to us softly and pleadingly so we might understand the impossible.  
 Her parents and siblings are dying amid the noise and screaming and impacts of missiles of death.  
 She gets up and looks at her dead family—her left eye has fallen out of her head—holds it in her hand.  
 Sixty years later, I go and hold her in my arms, this nine-year-old girl, as if to apologize—  
 On our behalf, the “Veterans for Peace.”

For more information on **No Gun Ri**, visit PBS Online News Hour at <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/media/nogunri/index.html>.



(L-R) Tom Kennedy holding the “Veterans for Peace” banner with retired South Korean General Ye.

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*Join us for an evening of fellowship, music and dinner.*

**Friday, March 30, 2012**

**6 pm**

**Ceremonial Hall**



***An Ethical Culture  
Spring Festival***

**A Celebration of Freedom, Love, and Nature**

**Led by Dr. Anne Klaeysen**

**Tickets: \$30.00**

**Children under 12 - FREE**

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# ANNOUNCING

## NYSEC Annual Members' Retreat

**SAVE THE DATE:  
September 14th - 16th**

Last year's retreat was booked to capacity.  
Make your reservation right away.

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# March 2012

Office hours for the month are: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Shelter: Monday-Thursday, 7:30 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	<p>Ethics in Literature: A Reading Group <i>Mar. 5 – The Tao of Physics: An Exploration of the Parallels between Modern Physics and Eastern Mysticism</i>, by Fritjof Capra</p> <p>Ethics in Film: Contemporary Documentaries <i>Mar. 19 – The Atheism Tapes – Part 2</i></p> <p>Ethics and the Theater <i>Mar. 23 – I Never Sang For My Father</i>, by Robert Anderson</p>				1 <p><b>April 2012 Newsletter Deadline</b> 12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 6:00 pm – Empowering Ethical Elders 6:30 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	2 <p>7:00 pm – Ethics in Film: <i>District 9</i>, (2009)</p>	3
4 <p>10:00 am – Chorus Practice 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Light Brunch 1:30 pm – Memorial for Moira Whittington</p>	5 <p>1:00 pm – Ethics in Literature 6:30 pm – Board of Trustees 6:30 pm – Monday Writing Workshop</p>	6 <p>6:00 pm – Socrates Café 8:00 pm – Gerald Ranck and Friends</p>	7 <p>7:00 pm – SSB and Correctional Assoc. of NY</p>	8 <p>12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 6:30 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	9	10 <p>11:00 am – Community Meeting</p>	
11 <p>10:00 am – Colloquy 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Light Brunch 1:30 pm – Ethics in the News</p>	12 <p>6:30 pm – Monday Writing Workshop</p>	13	14	15 <p>12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 6:00 pm – Empowering Ethical Elders 6:30 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	16	17	
18 <p>10:00 am – Poetry Reading 10:00 am – Chorus Practice 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Light Brunch 2:00 pm – Stained Glass Windows Benefit Concert</p>	19 <p>1:00 pm – Ethics in Film: Contemporary Documentaries 6:30 pm – Monday Writing Workshop 7:00 pm – Prospective Members' Reception</p>	20	21	22 <p>12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion 6:30 pm – Thursday Writing Workshop</p>	23 <p>7:00 pm – Ethics and the Theater</p>	24	
25 <p>10:00 am – Psalms of the Land 11:00 am – Ethics for Children 11:15 am – Morning Meeting 12:45 pm – Light Brunch 1:30 pm – Ethical Economics</p>	26	27 <p>6:00 pm – Socrates Café</p>	28	29 <p>12:00 pm – Leader Lunch Discussion</p>	30 <p>6:00 pm – An Ethical Culture Spring Festival</p>	31	

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