

Oakville will say 'never again' with candlelight vigil

Early in August, Oakville will remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki and say never again with a candlelight vigil and art show.

"The International Campaign for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons (ICAN - Oakville) is organizing two events to commemorate the 1945 atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan," said Dr. Barbara Birkett of the local chapter of Physicians for Global Survival (PGS).

"We encourage Oakville citizens and students to attend a candlelight vigil for peace at the Central Library on Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 8 p.m. and to also visit a poster art exhibit at Town Hall from Aug. 2-12," said Michael

Emanuel, a board member with the Oakville Community Centre for Peace, Ecology and Human Rights (OCCPEHR).

An exhibit of photos and paintings by survivors of the horrific atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki will be featured at Oakville Town Hall, located at 1225 Trafalgar Rd., from Tuesday, Aug. 2 to Friday, Aug. 12.

The official opening of the exhibit will be Thursday, Aug. 4 from 7-9 p.m.

Viewers will also learn what they can do to make sure that the use of nuclear weapons never happens again.

"Mayor Robert Burton of Oakville

is a member of Mayors for Peace, an organization dedicated to the abolition of nuclear weapons. The exhibit is sponsored by ICAN- Oakville (OCCPEHR and PGS) and Art Works Oakville," said Birkett.

On Tuesday, Aug. 9, which is Nagasaki Day, a commemorative candlelight ceremony will be held at 8 p.m. in the square in front of the Central Library located on Navy Street at Lakeshore Road.

The featured speaker is Hiroshima survivor and Order of Canada recipient Setsuko Thurlow.

"Ms. Thurlow has worked tirelessly in Toronto and around the world so that other human beings will not suffer as she, her family,

friends and fellow Hiroshima and Nagasaki citizens have. There will be a musical presentation on cello and violin and the opportunity to sign a petition and to make a paper crane to be sent to the Mayor of Hiroshima," said Emanuel.

As a 13-year old schoolgirl, Setsuko Thurlow found herself in close proximity to the hypocentre of the atomic blast that rocked Hiroshima.

A survivor of one of the most pivotal events in modern history, she displayed great courage and leadership, sharing her experiences in order to sensitize us to the consequences of armed conflict on civilian populations and to promote

lasting peace.

After relocating to Toronto, she joined forces with the mayors of Toronto, Hiroshima and Nagasaki to establish the Peace Garden in Nathan Phillips Square.

Over the years, she has served with a number of organizations including Voice of Women, the Canadian Council of Churches, and the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament as she continued her journey from victim to activist," said Birkett.

For more information about ICAN - Oakville, contact 905-849-5501 or 905-849-7167 and learn more about the campaign by visiting www.icanw.org.

Beware telephone scam about hydro savings gadget

By David Lea
OAKVILLE BEAVER STAFF

Oakville Hydro is warning residents to be cautious after receiving reports about a potential energy savings scam currently making the rounds in Oakville.

One resident, who contacted

The Oakville Beaver, said he recently got a call from someone claiming to be a telemarketer from a company called Hydro Power who offered to sell him a special device, which they claimed could save him as much as 45 per cent on his hydro bill.

The caller then asked for the

man's credit card information claiming the device would be shipped to him.

Not buying the story the caller was pitching, the man asked more questions about the device at which point the caller hung up.

When the Oakville resident called the company number the caller had

provided him he found it was not in service.

Oakville Hydro Media Communications Coordinator Cassandra Umbriaco said Oakville Hydro is not associated with any company named Hydro Power or any other person who is contacting Oakville residents about these

devices.

She also said Oakville Hydro has received approximately 15 calls from customers complaining about similar incidents.

While energy saving devices, such as appliance timers, phantom energy power bars, programmable

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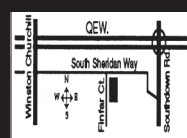
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