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Dr. Michael Knox
U. S. Peace Memorial Foundation

Re: Nomination of **LYNN ELLING** for
2016 Peace Prize

Dear Michael;

We have visited about Lynn Elling before.

Lynn passed away on February 14, 2016, near age 95, and I have never in all my years as a peace activist known anyone who comes near to his longevity as an activist for peace.

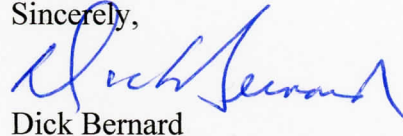
Per the enclosures, for a number of years I have attempted to summarize what I learned about his career as an activist.

The celebration of his life is Sunday, May 1, what he and others designated from 1964 on as "World Law Day".

There may be other Lynn Elling's out there – there probably are – but there are very few of them left.

I nominate Lynn Elling proudly for the 2016 Peace Prize.

Sincerely,



Dick Bernard

PS: For purposes of the award of this Prize, I will be the contact person. I am good friends with the family, and of course will keep them apprised.

SUMMARY TIMELINE : LYNN AND DONNA ELLING - ACTIONS FOR PEACE:

View Lynn Elling interview May 14, 2014 at <http://amillioncopies.info/>

(click "read more here" under Lynn Elling.)

1939 - Lynn Elling graduates from Washburn HS, Minneapolis MN

1943 - Business degree from University of Minnesota

1943-45, early 1950s - Naval Officer in WWII & Korea

1943 - Lynn and Donna Elling marry Nov. 25, 1943.

1954 & 1963 - Lynn and Donna Elling visit Hiroshima

1958 - President Eisenhower proclaims May 1 as **Law Day**

1961 - April 7, Law Day becomes U.S. Law

1963 - Idea of Mundialization ("World Citizenship") raised and promoted by many French, Canadian and Japanese cities. **Ellings and Platts attend meeting in Japan where Tokyo Mayor and Diet declare Tokyo 220th World City.**

1964 - Martha Platt, Dr. Asher White and Lynn Elling organize first **World Law Day** dinner in Mpls May 1, 1964.

1965 - U.S. Declaration of World Citizenship - Pres. Lyndon Johnson (link to story: see 1976, below)

1967 - Stanley Platt and Lynn Elling meet with Mpls Mayor Arthur Naftalin about Minneapolis as World Citizenship city (**see reverse of this sheet**).

1968 - March 5 - Minneapolis/Hennepin County pass Declaration of World Citizenship, the first U.S. city to do so; **May 1, 1968, Law Day** - Public Declaration of Minneapolis/Hennepin County as World Citizenship Cities. At least 28 mayors attend. Former MN Gov. Elmer L. Andersen speaker; UN Flag raised with U.S. Flag at to-be Henn Plaza (then south side of Minneapolis City Hall). Mpls Star cartoon illustration on World Law. (Link at 1976, below)

1971 - March 26 - Minnesota World Citizenship Declaration (link with story, see 1976)

1972 - World Citizen incorporated in the State of Minnesota; Elling is founder.

1976 - May 1 MN Declaration of INTERdependence

<http://www.outsidethewalls.org/blog/2014/04/07/> (includes links to prev. declarations '65, '68 and '71)

1982 - First Peace Sites established in New Jersey; Elling sees model and replicates very successfully in Minnesota and elsewhere.

<http://www.peacesites.org/sites/about>)

1988 - First Nobel Peace Prize Forum at Augsburg College; until 2012, rotated annually between five midwest Norwegian Lutheran Colleges; now centered in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

First of many Minnesota Peace Site dedications at Longfellow International Fine Arts School in Minneapolis

1994 - May 1, Mall of America 94th MN area Peace Site

1995 - World Citizen, founded by Lynn Elling, charter member of Mn Alliance of Peacemakers.

1995 - May 1, Mall of America celebrates 50th anniv of beginning of UN.

1996 - Lynn Elling co-founded with Michael Roan the Nobel Peace Prize Festival at Augsburg (now part of Nobel Peace Prize Forum); an annual Event at Augsburg ever since. Since 2012, Forum integrated into, and integral part of, the Forum (not public, for school groups specifically). <http://nobelpeaceprizeforum.org/festival-history/>; Concordia Language Village becomes an International Peace Site

Since 1996 - Primary energy has been invested in the Nobel Peace Prize Festival, and in Peace Education through World Citizen <http://www.peacesites.org/>.

2012, June 12- Donna Elling passes away, 68 years Lynn Ellings spouse.

2013, May 1 - Renewal of World Law Day with **1st Annual Lynn and Donna Elling Symposium on World Peace Through Law** with 40 participants and Guest Speaker **David Brink**, former President of American Bar Association.

2014, May 1 - 2nd Annual Lynn Elling World Law Day (50th anniv of 1st in 1964), Young people's panel, moderated by Ehtasham Anwar of Pakistan.

2015, May 1 - 3rd Annual, Annelee Woodstrom.

2016, Feb 14, 2016 - Lynn Elling dies at age 94, four days before 95th birthday.

2016, May 1 - **4th Annual World Law Day, J. Drake Hamilton on Climate Change**

for 2016 World Law Day program booklet

World Law Day

World Law Day was a creation of Lynn Elling, Martha Platt, Dr. Asher White and others. The first event was May 1, 1964. **World** Law Day was an adaptation of **Law Day**, proclaimed by President Eisenhower in 1958, and enacted into U.S. Law in 1961. Law Day was the U.S. "cold war" response to the martial tradition of May 1, May Day, in the Soviet bloc.

The premise was peace through World Law, rather than constant war or threat of war.

Large annual dinners on World Law Day went on for many years in Minnesota and perhaps other places. At some point for one or another unremembered reason, the tradition ended, but Lynn never forgot.

In 2012, after the death of Donna, Lynn asked that World Law Day dinner be reinstated May 1, 2013 at Gandhi Mahal, he and Donna's favorite restaurant.

At the time he was planning a major trip to Vietnam with his son, Tod, who had been adopted from Vietnam orphanage in the 1970s. Tod and Lynn arrived home only a couple of days before the 2013 event.

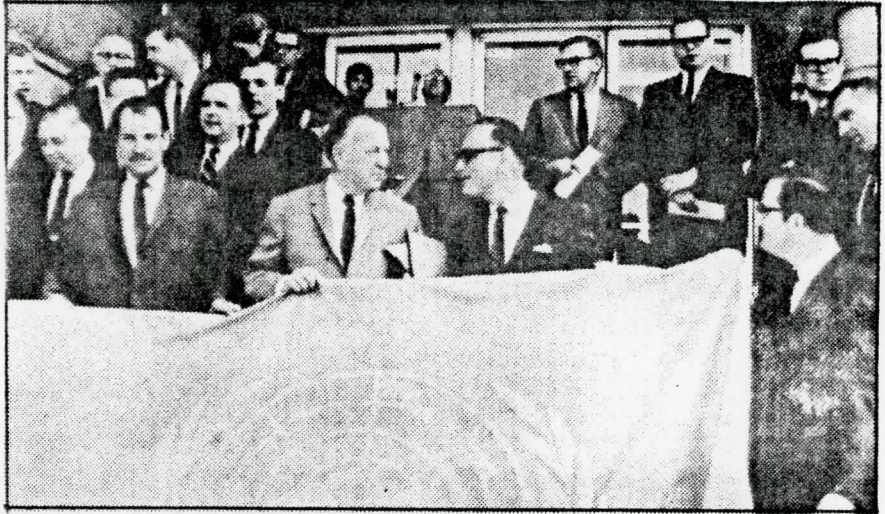
2016 is the 4th annual World Law Day, and the 52nd anniversary of the first World Law Day in 1964.

by Dick Bernard

WORLD CITIZENSHIP DECLARATION BY MINNEAPOLIS, HENN. COUNTY

By Lynn Elling

The original concept of "mundialization" came to my attention at the WAWF conference in Japan in 1963. Members of the Japanese delegation told us that over 267 of their cities had adopted strong resolutions on world citizenship. Then in 1967 at Oslo, Norway, our Japanese friends again urged everyone to get their



city and county governments to pass such declarations in favor of limited international government to keep the peace under a system of law and order. The program, we learned, has had amazing success in Canada.

When I returned to Minneapolis, I discussed the idea with Stanley Platt. He drafted a resolution which we submitted to Mayor Arthur Naftalin. The City Council, with a strong recommendation from the mayor, unanimously adopted the resolution. The people of the community, through their elected representatives, were on record as favoring world law and world citizenship.

Early in 1968, we submitted a similar resolution to the Hennepin County Board. The board and the council unanimously adopted a joint resolution on world citizenship last March.

I then started working with Bob Janes, chairman of the Hennepin board and the Municipal Buildings Committee, on the idea of putting up two flagpoles on each side of the City Hall--Courthouse. After several meetings, this purpose was accomplished, and on May 1, former Gov. Elmer L. Andersen presented two United Nations flags to the local government to fly alongside the United States flag.

We decided to print the declaration of world citizenship on parchment paper, using UN colors, and signatures of endorsement are being sought from prominent Minnesotans.

At the May 1 ceremony, mayors and other officials from 28 state communities participated and agreed to fly a UN flag in front of their own city halls on May 1 and other suitable occasions. In the photograph above, Gov. Andersen and Mayor Naftalin and the mayors of other communities are shown with one of the Minneapolis UN flags.

UWF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY - at the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, May 31-June 2. The state chapter will be represented by Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Elling, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson Okie, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Platt, Mrs. L. S. Duboff, Howard Y. Williams, and York Langton. If you also can attend, please call Mr. Williams at 644-9273 and he will send full particulars.