

2nd Annual Lynn and Donna Elling Symposium on World Peace through Law



Lynn and Donna Sep 21, 2011

**May 1, 2014
Gandhi Mahal Restaurant Minneapolis MN**

In memory of Rev Lyle C. Christianson 1927-2014

**Do visit the websites of these sponsoring organizations:
GlobalSolutionsMN.org (GlobalSolutionsMN.org)
World Citizen (PeaceSites.org)
(Gandhi Mahal is a Peace Site.)**

A Million Copies Initiative (amillioncopies.info)

Above organizations part of MN Alliance of Peacemakers (mapm.org)

"Global problems require global solutions."

The first sentence of the first chapter of
Dr. Joe Schwartzbergs
"Transforming the United Nations System,
Designs for a Workable World"
United Nations University Press, 2013

"Without World Law, History tells us that Peace Treaties & Peace Agreements between warring nations will not prevent War in the future. More than ever before, the Human Family needs & deserves World Law with Justice. Many of the World's leaders and proponents have made this case over the years."

Lynn Elling, Minneapolis, April 2013

"I am proud to live where public authorities are courageously speaking out on behalf of an equal concern for all men everywhere, and in support of the concept of world citizenship in a world community of nations, living in peace under law."

former MN Governor Elmer L. Andersen
at Minneapolis City Hall May 1, 1968.

"Imagination is more important than knowledge"

Albert Einstein,
Cosmic Religion, 1931 (p 97)
quoted by Stanley K. Platt in his 1994 pamphlet
"The way to a Better World through a
Restructured and Strengthened United Nations"
Published by World Federalist Association.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world, indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

"We must be the change we wish to see in the world."

Gandhi

Program

Welcome 6:30

Dick Bernard

Ruhel Islam, Gandhi Mahal

Dinner

About 7:15 - Panel:

Md Abdullah Al Miraz

Emily Bilius

Stephen Eigenmann

Tea Rozman Clark

Janelle Shoemake

Speaking on the general question: "How do you and the young persons you know see global relationships and interdependence at this stage in your life; and what are your hopes for the future of the planet?"

Facilitator:

Ehtasham Anwar

About 8:15

**Human Rights and Democracy Issues in
Bangladesh**

**(See post for May 1, 2014 at
www.OutsideTheWalls.Org/blog)**

Lynn Elling

Declaration of Interdependence

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

1939 - Lynn Elling graduates from Washburn HS, Mpls MN

1941-45, early 1950s - Naval Officer in WWII & Korea **1943** - Lynn and Donna Elling marry.

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 a 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.

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

1995 - Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers founded www.mapm.org

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/>

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 - Donna Elling passes away, 59 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** - (A Thursday) 2nd Annual World Law Day