

Origami for Peace Coalition

by Eddie Joseph

Hats off to my very good friend Eddie Joseph for bringing much needed peace to an already trouble world. He shares with CFN readers his crusade to change the world "*one crane at a time.*" Please support his efforts. jy/Aug08

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RE: Hiroshima Commemoration Service

You are invited to attend: The Hiroshima Commemoration and Peace Service
Wednesday August 6, 2008 at 10:45 a.m.

In March of this year Eddie Joseph, Coalition Founder brought together several Olaloa Retirement Community residents to fold cranes to be sent to The Hiroshima Peace Park, in Japan. This year marks the 62nd Anniversary of the Atomic Bomb, which caused untold damage to the city, and a horrific loss of life and leaving emotional scars that still exist to this day. Hiroshima is known throughout the world as the first city in history subjected to nuclear warfare.

After taking a mission trip to Japan Eddie taught himself Origami and was inspired by the story of Sadako Sasaki who contracted leukemia after the bombing. She was two years old and only lived for ten years. During that time she folded cranes which have long been a symbol of longevity and good health in Japan. Today the paper crane is recognized internationally as a symbol of peace.

A statue of Sadako was erected in the Hiroshima Peace Park at the urging of school children who knew of Sadako's plight and how she had folded cranes while fighting for her life. It is said she folded over 600 cranes before dying.

The group seized an opportunity to show their love and empathy for their fellow man. We desire to have our name added to the names of people who have expressed their compassion for the people of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and a desire to live in a world free of the threat of nuclear holocaust.

On May 12, 2008 the group completed folding 10001 cranes and were featured on the KHON evening news <http://www.khon2.com/news/local/18881909.html> The crane will be presented to Consul General Toshio Kunikata at the commemoration.

If you cannot attend PLEASE take some time with your family to pray for peace in the world, in our neighborhoods, and in our home. We should never let the world forget that infamous day in history.

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