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Annual Dinner April 24, 2016
Kevin Martin, Executive Director, Peace Action and
Shigeko Sasamori, Hiroshima Maiden
"Organizing for Peace and a Nuclear-Free Future"

59th ANNUAL DINNER Sunday, April 24th, 2016

Hasbrouck Heights Hilton
650 Terrace Avenue
Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey 07604

12:00 – 4:00 PM (12:00 – 12:45 PM *Socializing*; 1:00 PM *Lunch*)

HONORED GUESTS AND RECIPIENT OF THE *DOROTHY ELDRIDGE PEACEMAKER AWARD*:
**KEVIN MARTIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PEACE ACTION AND
SHIGEKO SASAMORI, HIROSHIMA MAIDEN**

"ORGANIZING FOR PEACE AND A NUCLEAR-FREE FUTURE"

Also Honoring:

Peace and Planet

Recipients of the Sylvia and Oscar Ackelsberg Peace Award

Litsa Binder

Peace Action Person of the Year



Kevin Martin became **Executive Director of Peace Action** and Peace Action Education Fund, the country's largest peace and disarmament organization, on September 4, 2001. Previously, he served as Director of Project Abolition, after serving ten years in Chicago as Executive Director of Illinois Peace Action.

Kevin's writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Nation*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *The Village Voice*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *The Progressive*, *Z magazine* and many other publications. He has appeared on CNN, National Public Radio, Fox News, MSNBC, BBC-TV and radio, and many other local, national and international radio and television outlets.

In 1999 he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from national Peace Action.

Shigeko Sasamori, a **Hibakusha** and **Hiroshima Maiden**, is the adopted daughter of a founder of SANE (now Peace Action) Norman Cousins. Thirteen at the time of the bombing of Hiroshima, she was less than a mile away from where the nuclear bomb exploded. She has dedicated her life to campaigning for peace and "against all nuclear things."

Peace and Planet is an international network of 70 member organizations and more than 300 endorsers. It seeks to address the inter-related crises of preparations for nuclear war, war, social and economic injustice and climate change in integrated ways, building collaborations between organizations and movements.

Reservations Required

Please visit <http://www.njpeaceaction.org> or call **973-259-1126**

Dinner tickets: **\$65** before April 11th (**\$75** after April 11th).

PLEASE RESPOND BY APRIL 11, 2016

I will attend the April 24th dinner with Kevin Martin and Shigeko Sasamori

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ tickets at **\$65** each (**\$75** after April 11th).

PLEASE SELECT CHOICE OF ENTRÉE:

- Chicken w/Madeira Sauce Vegan Falafel
 Grilled Salmon Eggplant Rotini (no cheese)

RESERVATION DEADLINE APRIL 11, 2016

Please list my name on the "Greetings to Kevin Martin and Shigeko Sasamori" page of our journal. Cost is **\$10**. (Greeting deadline is **March 31st**)

I cannot attend, but enclosed is a contribution of \$ _____ in support of NJ Peace Action. (For tax deductible contribution to the full extent of the law, make check payable to NJPA Education Fund).

\$ _____ **Total enclosed**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Advance reservations for dinner are required. Please list dinner seating requests below. Please let us know by April 11th with whom you wish to be seated. Please call us at 973-259-1126 for details.

Name on card _____ Visa / MC / Amex

Card # _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____

Directions:

From I-95 (NJ Turnpike North), take exit for I-80W "Local Lanes." Take exit 64B. Make a left and the hotel will be straight ahead on your left side.

From NJ Turnpike North (Western Spur), take exit 16W. Take Rte. 3W to Rte. 17N and exit to the right at the Rte. 80 West Ramp/Polifly Road exit. The hotel entrance will be on your right.

From I-80E, take Exit 64 for Rte. 17 South to Terrace Avenue Exit. At ramp stay in left turn only lane and make a left at the light. After turning proceed to the extreme right hand lane and the hotel entrance will be on the right at the next light.

From I-80W, use "Local Lanes." Take exit 64B. Make a left and the hotel will be straight ahead on your left side.

Free parking in the rear lot.

Hasbrouck Heights Hilton is easily accessible via the New Jersey Transit bus and train. Several stations (Teterboro, Essex St.) are within an easy walk of the hotel.



Shigeko Sasamori:



“As long as I live I will speak all over the world to many people because I feel we went through such a horrible life, we should not have anybody go through experiences like we did.”

The Japan Times, May 1, 2013

“It’s not easy to recall these memories,” Sasamori said. “I’m not asking people for sympathy. I want people to feel empathy. I get to keep going because this is my mission, and it is very important. It makes me very happy to see all of these young people who want to do something and stop the nonsense ... war is nothing good. Everybody has a responsibility to keep this Earth beautiful.”

The Etownian, November 20, 2013