

COMMUNITY EVENT NOTICE

Nuclear Weapons in the Trump Age: New Arms Race or Global Ban?

When: Friday May 5, 2017 from 1pm – 2:30pm

Where: Rossmoor, Walnut Creek, at Tice Valley Blvd. & Rossmoor Pkwy. Go to Rossmoor's Hillside Clubhouse, Vista Room, 3400 Golden Rain Rd.

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The *Rossmoor Friends of Mt. Diablo Peace & Justice Center* is pleased to offer a timely, thought-provoking presentation by Marylia Kelley, who is freshly returned from the United Nations where negotiations began on March 27, with 130 countries participating, on an international treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons, leading to their total elimination. All are welcome. The program is offered free of charge.

Kelley said: "Donald Trump tweeted that 'the United States must greatly strengthen and expand its nuclear capability.' He followed that by saying 'Let it be an arms race' with Russia. The nuclear risks are grave and rising. Resumption of U.S. nuclear explosive testing in Nevada, development of mini-nukes for use on a conventional battlefield and other dangerous initiatives, unthinkable here-to-fore, are in play as the Trump administration writes a new "Nuclear Posture Review." Russia and the other nuclear weapons states are undertaking their own "modernization" programs. At worst, the political and moral bar against nuclear weapons use in war maintained since 1945 may not hold.

"Yet, we are also in transformational times, and an unprecedented opportunity to explicitly ban nuclear weapons is taking shape at the UN. The energy of 130 countries and civil society representatives during the opening round of negotiations was electric. The treaty, if concluded, will complement and strengthen the disarmament obligation enshrined in the Non-Proliferation Treaty. The aspirations of people the world over to live - and raise their children and grandchildren - without the nuclear sword of Damocles suspended overhead may be closer than at any time since the beginning of the nuclear age."

PROGRAM:

1pm, refreshments, socialize.

1:30pm, Marylia Kelley's presentation.

2pm, Questions and Answers.

The program will be followed by a committee business meeting at 2:30pm.

MARYLIA KELLEY is Executive Director at the Livermore-based Tri-Valley CAREs. She brings 34 years of in-depth research, writing and facilitating public participation in decisions

regarding U.S. nuclear weapons, their humanitarian impacts and disarmament initiatives. Kelley has testified on nuclear weapons before the House Armed Services Committee of the U.S. Congress, the California Legislature and the National Academy of Sciences, among other deliberative bodies. She has presented on nuclear policy at the UN on the occasions of the Non-Proliferation Treaty review conferences and during the opening week of negotiations on the nuclear weapons "ban treaty" this year. Kelley has written for numerous publications, including the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. In 2002, Kelley was inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame.

