

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM (as of August 29, 2011)**

**Agent Orange and Addressing the Legacy of the War in Vietnam  
Conference**

University of California, Berkeley  
October 28-29, 2011

Conference Goals:

- Raise public awareness of the current effects of Agent Orange
- Present ways individuals can get involved to help end the legacy of Agent Orange in Vietnam
- Promote peace and understanding between the people of the United States and Vietnam

**Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011, David Brower Center**

2150 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA

5:30-6:30pm **VIP Reception** *By Invitation Only*

7:00-9:00pm **Film Screening followed by Q&A with Filmmaker, Masako Sakata**

***Agent Orange: A Personal Requiem***

Masako Sakata travels to Vietnam to better understand Agent Orange, after her husband died from cancer believed to have been caused by his exposure to it. (2006, 66 min)

Hear Masako share her story, her experience in making this film, and her continued commitment to address Agent Orange.

**Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Clark Kerr Conference Center**

2601 Warring St, Berkeley, CA

8:30am **Doors Open**

9:00-9:45am **Welcome and Opening General Session**

- WELCOME Susan Lieu, Co-Founder of Socola Chocolatier and John Bottari, District Governor, Rotary District 5150
- MORNING KEYNOTE Charles Bailey, Director, Special Initiative on Agent Orange, Aspen Institute
- INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS Susan Lieu

10:00-11:00am **Breakout 1: Agent Orange – Background**

**The Remnants of Agent Orange: How Dioxin Impacts the Environment and People Today**

War doesn't end when the last soldier leaves the battlefield. Agent Orange remains a very serious environmental and health problem today.

This session will provide background on the health and science of Agent Orange and why we all need to address it now.

Moderator:

Patrick Hall, Rotary Club of Pacifica Member

Speakers:

Susan Hammond, Director & Founder, War Legacies Project

Dr. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Phuong, Chief, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Medical University of Ho Chi Minh City (TBC)

Dr. Robert Owen, Veteran Affairs Hospital UCSF

**In the Thick of It: Berkeley's Response to the War and Agent Orange – Setting the Stage for Future Actions**

Beginning in the 1960s, U.C. Berkeley became synonymous with student activism from free speech and civil rights to opposition to the war in Vietnam. This presentation, with oral history and film, will examine Berkeley student actions which inspired national movements and social change, including the use of Agent Orange. Two current student leaders at UC Berkeley will also contrast current student activities on-campus and abroad.

Moderator:

Peter Lagarias, Rotary Club of San Francisco, Cal Alum

Speakers:

Vishalli Loomba, Current ASCU Student Body President

Dat Phan, Current Viet Fellow, Cal Alum

Dan Siegel, Past ASCU Student Body President

**U.S.-Vietnam Government Relations: What Have They Been Doing?**

Attendees of this workshop will learn what activities and actions have been taken by the United States and Vietnam governments to aid in addressing the Agent Orange legacy. They will learn how to influence and impact future government involvement through grassroots organizing.

Moderator:

Bruce Campbell, Past Governor Rotary District 5130

Speakers:

Susan Berresford, Convener, U.S.-Vietnam Dialogue Group on Agent Orange/Dioxin, Former President/CEO of the Ford Foundation

Paul Cox, Veterans for Peace

Ambassador Ngo Quang Xuan, Co-Chair, U.S.-Vietnam Dialogue Group on Agent Orange/Dioxin

11:15–12:45pm **Networking Lunch with Rotary HumanITour Participants and Viet Fellows**

## **Agent Orange Nonprofit Organizations Exhibit Hall**

### **Viet Fellows Photo Essay Exhibit**

1:00-2:00pm **Breakout 2: Agent Orange – Current Projects**

#### **Vietnam Reporting Project: The Power of Media**

The Vietnam Reporting Project is a groundbreaking journalism fellowship program that has produced award-winning multimedia news coverage on the enduring environmental and health consequences of Agent Orange contamination in Vietnam. Find out how and why this project got started and hear about the exciting work that was done.

Moderator:

Andrew Lam, Editor, New American Media

Speakers;

Jon Funabiki, Executive Director, Renaissance Journalism Center

Catherine Karnow, Photo Journalist

De Tran, Publisher, VTimes

#### **Sharing Stories through Film**

Hear what motivated two documentary filmmakers to tell their own personal stories about Agent Orange. Hear about their journey to Vietnam and what they have done with their films to engage others on this movement.

Moderator:

Brenda Miyafuji, Agent Orange Conference Volunteer

Speakers:

Holly Million, filmmaker

Masako Sakata, filmmaker

#### **Nonprofits Addressing Agent Orange**

Come hear how four nonprofits have taken unique and creative approaches to address Agent Orange. All four vary in scope and scale, but all work to bring positive hopeful solutions to address the needs of individuals who have been affected by Agent Orange.

Moderator: Tony Luong, U.S. Program Director, Viet Fellows Program

Representatives from the Viet Fellows Program

John Nguyen, Development Officer, East Meets West Foundation

2:15-3:15pm **Breakouts 3: Agent Orange – Get Engaged!**

#### **Social Media & Social Change – A New Approach**

Social media is an easy way to help educate and engage your friends, family and communities on Agent Orange. Find out what is already out there and how you can be a part of the online effort!

Moderator:

Phuong Quach, Agent Orange Conference Volunteer

Speakers:

James Bao, Co-Founder and Executive Director, OneVietnam Network  
Shaady Salehi, Deputy Director, Active Voice

### **Rotary in Vietnam: Rotary Projects in the Past and Future**

Although Vietnam does not have formally established Rotary Clubs, there is a long history of Rotary service projects in Vietnam. Find out about historic projects and the future of Rotary in Vietnam.

Moderator:

Eric Schmautz, District Governor 2013-2014, Rotary Club of San Francisco

Speakers:

David Behring, President, Wheelchair Foundation  
Brian McLeran, Board of Directors Member, Rotaplast International  
Son Michael Pham, Founder, Kids Without Borders

### **Disability and Agent Orange**

Drawing on global disability movements, the panel will examine how to help people impacted by the effects of dioxin.

Moderator:

Katherine Sherwood, Professor of Art Practice and Disability Studies, UC Berkeley, Founder of the Yelling Clinic

Speakers:

David Morrissey, President, U.S. International Council on Disability (TBC)  
Susan Schweik, Professor of English and Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities, UC Berkeley  
Darren Zook, Professor of Political Science and International Area Studies, UC Berkeley

### **3:30-4:15pm Closing Remarks**

Susan Berresford, Moderator of the U.S.-Vietnam Dialogue Group on Agent Orange/Dioxin and Former President/CEO of the Ford Foundation  
Susan Lieu, Co-Founder of Socola Chocolatier

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