

Anne Frank's Window To The World

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A Newsletter of Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945



Thoughts from the
Executive Director.

As we approach the second anniversary of the world's largest Anne Frank exhibit coming to the State of Georgia and the KSU Center, we reflect on the amazing success of the program.

After four years of negotiating, the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust secured the Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945 Exhibit for the citizens of Georgia and visitors to the state. That was the beginning of a prejudice reduction program that has attracted and taught over 80,000 people.

Principal among those who make the program successful are the wonderful volunteers, truly the backbone of the program. They work hand in hand with staff, teachers, local clergy and others to enhance all visits to the exhibit.

On behalf of the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, I salute and thank our hardworking and dedicated volunteers for their service to the State of Georgia and humanity.

- Sylvia Wygoda

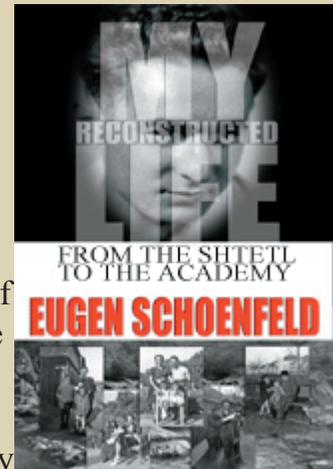
A Survivor's Story

Dr. Eugen Schoenfeld, a concentration camp survivor, tells his story in the book *My Reconstructed Life*, published by Kennesaw State University Press. The story is about life in the camp and what happened afterwards.

"I try to tell people, the Holocaust was not like a Hollywood story, where at the end, the crisis is over and you live happily every after," Schoenfeld said at the Kennesaw First-Year Convocation Ceremony. "When you were liberated, this was not the end of the Holocaust. Each of us carried with us the consequence of the Holocaust, and I still do."

A former professor and Chair Emeritus of the Georgia State University Sociology Department, he currently serves as Educational Director of the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust.

All students enrolled in the Freshman Seminar course (KSU 1109) will be reading Schoenfeld's book. On November 9th, Schoenfeld will meet with students for a question and answer session in the Student Center University Rooms. Immediately following, he will have lunch with German Studies and Hillel students. Schoenfeld also spoke on October 6 at the Anne Frank in the World Exhibit's Volunteer Dinner.



Dates To Remember:

Volunteer Orientation

The following Sundays from 2-4pm
November 13, December 4, & January 8

Docent Training:

The following Wednesdays
November 9 (10-2pm) & 16 (1-5pm), January 18 (10-2pm) & 25 (1-5pm), March 22 (10-2pm) & 29 (1-5pm)

November 9- Dr. Schoenfeld at KSU

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The Anne Frank in the World Exhibit, a division of the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust, is free to the public and strives to foster greater knowledge of the Holocaust and discrimination. The exhibit is located in the Kennesaw State Continuing Education Center at 3333 Busbee Drive, Kennesaw, GA, 30144. Please visit our website at www.holocaust.georgia.gov or call 678-797-2083.

Volunteers Needed

If you have never volunteered before, or have volunteered in the past but have recently gotten out of the loop, we could use your help. Volunteers do everything from greeting people at the door to acting as docents to making copies. It is a wonderful opportunity and learning experience.

The next docent training will be held on November 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and November 16 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.. Docents lead group tours of the exhibit, making it come alive with facts and anecdotes.

For more information, to volunteer, or to register for docent training, please call the exhibit office at 678-797-2083.

Coordinator's Corner By Debra Day and Mike Weinroth



We are happy to share our comments with you through our first newsletter, *Window to the World*, fulfilling a long time dream.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to students in Dr. Barbara Gainey's Maymester Organizational Publication class who created prototypes for this newsletter. Also we'd like to thank Danielle Swanson, our public relations intern and the driving force in putting the newsletter together, and Dr. Katherine Kinnick, who assisted us with a communication intern.

We also want to welcome our new student assistant, Jennifer Laster, and Georgia State Intern Tahamara Gathers. Both are making important contributions to the exhibit.

As you read through *Window*, remember that volunteers make everything we do possible. For more information about volunteering, see the article below. Thank you.

Reflections from the Assistant By Joni Malson



I would like to thank all our volunteers for their contributions to the continuing success of the Anne Frank in the World Exhibit. Each one of you brings something special to the exhibit and all your efforts mean so much to the more than 60,000 visitors during the past two years.

"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." -Kahlil Gibran

Every time you volunteer at the exhibit, you make a difference and a contribution to your community.

Did you know...

Last year, the Anne Frank Exhibit was toured by over 12,000 school children.

Joel Landsberg- Volunteer of the Year By Kenneth S. Graiser



The Anne Frank in the World Exhibit was proud to recognize Mr. Joel Landsberg with its first Volunteer of the Year Award. Joel's recognition took place during the volunteer dinner on

April 14 at the Jolley Lodge.

Joel's wife, Pam, discovered the exhibit through an ad looking for volunteers. Through his experience with the exhibit, Joel realized that most of the populace is unaware of the Holocaust and its aftermath. Joel's commitment is to foster increased acceptance and understanding among all people.

Joel was born in 1942 in Sacramento, CA, where his family belonged to Temple B'Nai Israel. He attended San Francisco State University where he majored in business administration and advertising, preparing him for a successful career in retail sales. He has lived in Atlanta for five years. Joel continues to lead and inspire other volunteers at the exhibit.

Dr. Siegel Honored

On October 18, 2005 the Legion of Honor Award sponsored by The Chapel of Four Chaplains was presented to Dr. Betty Siegel, President of Kennesaw State University, by Exhibit-Cordinator Debra Day during the university's Winter Convocation. The presentation was made on behalf of Sylvia Wygoda, a previous recipient, who nominated Dr. Siegel for the award.

The Legion of Honor Award is given in recognition of exceptional selfless service on the part of an individual which contributes to the well-being of his or her community, and to a spirit of inter-faith cooperation.

Picture Perfect: Mary Bos Visits Exhibit

As an 11-year-old girl, Mary Bos Schneider attended a birthday party for her friend Anne Frank. She even has a picture to prove it, one of the many featured in the Anne Frank in the World exhibit. The famous picture, taken at Frank's 10th birthday party, has several girls with arms around each other.



On Friday, September 9, Mary saw the picture when she visited the exhibit. Mary, 77, still remembers Anne.

Jan Boon, a trained docent, also remembered Anne. Jan lived in an apartment across from the Frank's home. The exhibit was the first time the Jan and Mary met, but they immediately took up as friends, speaking in rapid Dutch. Mary's daughters toured the exhibit in August. They had seen the birthday picture before, but never with the hand written caption and were unaware that it was part of the exhibit. Three weeks later, they brought their mother to tour the exhibit.

Mary and her husband, Robert, now reside in Hendersonville, North Carolina; Karen Huban, one of their two daughters, lives in East Cobb.

Exhibit Mourns Loss of Docent

The Anne Frank in the World Exhibit Staff was saddened to learn that Jan Boon, one of our devoted volunteers, passed away on Tuesday, October 11, following surgery. We express our deepest condolences to his wife Linda and their children. Jan was a native of Amsterdam and, as a young child, lived in the same apartments as the Frank family. Jan's involvement at the exhibit was passionate and personal. Jan and his memories of early life in Holland will be greatly missed.

And the Winners Are:

Winners of the 2005 Art and Writing Contest were honored at the Days of Remembrance Ceremony in April. First place winners and their teachers won trips to visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and \$100.

High school art winners were Chloe Jondahl, Ree Lambert, Noel Hollis, and Christopher Brazil. Middle school art winners were Megan Willingham, Amanda Chen, David Patterson and Henry Levy.

High school writing winners were Mary Myers, Marek Fikejz, Spencer Motalvo, and Jesus Najjar. Middle school writing winners were Justin Clay, Casey Horton, Brooke Fillgrove, and Joy Ellen Freeman.



*First Place
High School Art
Winner
By Chloe Jondahl*

Exhibit Segment Wins Telly

A recent segment of the program Tikun Olam on Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters, featuring the Anne Frank exhibit, won a Telly Award. During the program, host Jan Epstein toured the exhibit with Coordinator Mike Weinroth. Epstein also interviewed Executive Director Sylvia Wygoda and Michael Altman, chairman of the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust.



Telly Awards are prestigious awards that honor local, regional and cable commercials and programs. Last year, they received over 10,000 entries. The Anne Frank segment won a Bronze Level Telly Award.

Tikun Olam (Repairing the World) can be seen on Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. For more information about Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters or Tikun Olam, visit www.aibtv.com.

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