



*United Nations Year of
Reconciliation
&
Roots of Peace
“Harvest of Hope”*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009
ARCH STREET TEEN CENTER
GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT



ROOTS *of* PEACE



“You have turned mines to vines by replacing the seeds of destruction with the seeds of life— and you have shown the world that even with modest beginnings, a partnership backed up by persistence can make a real difference.”

--His Excellency, Kofi Annan
United Nations Secretary-General, June 2000

“I commend Roots of Peace for its leadership in international efforts to replace the detritus of war with the fruits of peace...significant progress is carried out by such stalwart humanitarian non-profit organizations.”

--His Excellency, BAN Ki-moon
United Nations Secretary-General, December 2008



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR “HARVEST OF HOPE” GUESTS

October 18, 2009

On behalf of Roots of Peace, we would like to welcome you to this special reception to celebrate the 3rd Annual “Harvest of Hope” event in Greenwich, Connecticut. This year, our non-profit organization is making NGO history, as we are on target to export 400 Metric Tons of “fresh grapes” from Afghanistan in Fall 2009—creating alternative agricultural crops to poppies, while doubling/tripling the income for the average Afghan farmer. Working in 23 of the 34 provinces in Afghanistan, the “Harvest of Hope” celebrates the bounty of orchards and vineyards harvested on former minefields—apples, oranges, apricots, almonds, pomegranates, cherries, and other crops which are helping to restore the legacy of Afghanistan as “The Garden of Central Asia.”

As proud Americans, we take this moment to honor those who have helped turn dreams into reality. The distinguished Chairs and the Honorary Host Committee have done an extraordinary effort to coordinate this special reception connecting guests from California to Connecticut...from sea to shining sea. In recognition of the “2009 United Nations International Year of Reconciliation,” we are reminded of the economic importance of planting a seed on war-torn land. Poverty eradication and food security are the results of providing access to lands which were once held hostage by the perils of an estimated 70 million landmines silently poised in 70 countries. Reconciliation occurs only when refugees have the dignity to return to their lands without the fear of terror beneath their footsteps.

It is fitting that our event is hosted at The Arch Street Teen Center, as we are reminded that 44.6% of the population in Afghanistan today is UNDER the age of 14 years. This “Harvest of Hope 2009” is a unique window in time to build peace from the ground up, as we pay tribute to the 30 million American “pennies” raised by the Roots of Peace Penny Campaign to build schools and soccer fields in Afghanistan—investing in the youth of tomorrow. Through Agriculture, Community and Education, we are truly putting the root-word “ACE” back into the word PEACE—a term that teenagers worldwide may redefine and understand.

Roots of Peace is a humanitarian non-profit organization dedicated to the eradication of landmines worldwide. Our mission is to turn minefields into prosperous farmland. By restoring the land’s economic viability, we strengthen community values and restore a sense of peace. Through the support of the United Nations, USAID, USDA, DOD, ADB, EU, The World Bank and countless foundations and donors, we are truly turning swords into plowshares worldwide—planting rice in Cambodia, orchards in Croatia, cocoa in Vietnam, grapes in Afghanistan, wheat in Iraq, strawberries in Angola and flowers in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Together, may we invite you to continue our efforts to plant the roots of peace on earth...

With Sincere Gratitude,

Gary & Heidi Kühn
Founders

The Harvest of Hope Song

Written by Carolyn Hedrich

Performed by Dave Jenkins, Lead Singer, Pablo Cruise Band

Be careful where you walk,
There's thunder in the ground.
Be careful when you speak,
Freedom makes a sound.

Cover up your face,
But your eyes still see the tears.
Your world is exploding in pieces everywhere,
But you know that there are angels watching over you.
And the minefields of your life will someday bloom.
Yes, the minefields of your life will someday bloom.

Seeds of love and hope have been planted in the ground
Even in the harshest desert, water will be found
And the Roots of Peace cannot be trampled down
Cannot be trampled down.
The harvest will be found
The harvest will be found
The harvest will be found
The harvest will be found

You can make a difference
Redesign the tapestry
Stand up and be counted
In our children's destiny

Freedom's in the balance,
Rage against the dark.
For the flame to keep on burning,
You must be the spark.
And know that there are angels watching over you
In the minefields of your life will someday bloom.

Never give up
Faith and love are intertwined
In the darkest night,
There still stands a vine.
Carry the light,
You will surely find
Humankind – the fruit of the vine

Harvest of Hope Program

Welcoming Remarks

The Honorable L. Scott Frantz, Connecticut State Senator

Message from His Excellency Mr. BAN Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations
Delivered by Ambassador Vijay Nambiar, Chef de Cabinet of UN Secretary-General BAN Ki-moon

Meghan Scheibal, Mezzo-Soprano

"You'll Never Walk Alone"

Professor Findlay Cockwell

Internationally renowned Pianist

Heidi Kühn, Founder, CEO

"The Roots of Peace Story"

Gary Kühn, Executive Director

Update from Afghanistan and Vietnam 2009

Arch Street Teen Center

Presentation of Roots of Peace "Penny" Campaign Launch

Presentation of Roots of Peace Global Citizen Award to Ambassador Joseph Verner Reed

Presentation of Roots of Peace Global Citizen Award to The Honorable Theodore C. Sorensen

"To Dream The Impossible Dream..."

MINES TO VINES

Global Toast to Peace and personal remarks from Miljenko "Mike" Grgich

"The Harvest Will Be Found"

Music written for Roots of Peace
Performed by The Pablo Cruise Band

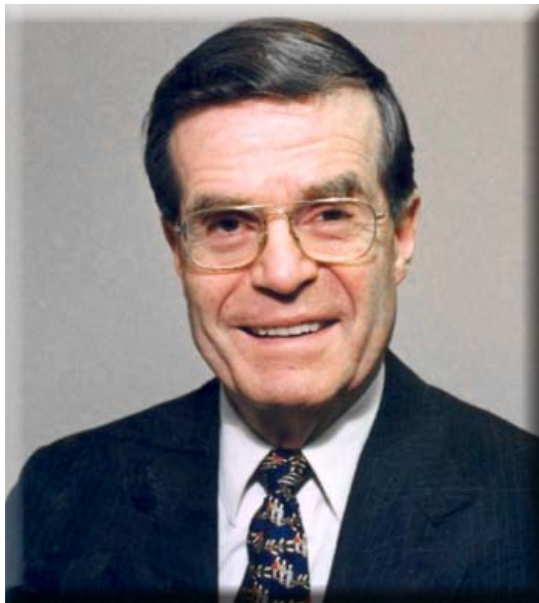


Legends of the Vine

ROOTS OF PEACE GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD 2009

THEODORE C. SORENSEN

Former Special Counsel and Adviser to President John F. Kennedy
Author, "Counselor: A Life at the Edge of History"



Born in Lincoln, Nebraska, Mr. Sorensen is a graduate from the University of Nebraska and its College of Law. A former Special Counsel and Advisor to President John F. Kennedy and a widely published author on the presidency and foreign affairs, practiced international law for more than 36 years as a Senior Partner, and now of Counsel, at the prominent U.S. law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton, Garrison LLP.

Appointed by President Bill Clinton, Mr. Sorensen served on the boards of the Central Asian-American Enterprise Fund (covering Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan) and the Commission on White House Fellows. He is experienced in the ways of Washington, the United Nations and the multilateral (World Bank, IFC, etc.) and U.S. (AID, OPIC, etc.) financing institutions.

Mr. Sorensen is the author of the 1965 international best seller *Kennedy*, seven other books on the presidency, politics or foreign policy and numerous articles on those subjects in *Foreign Affairs*, *The New York Times* and other publications. Mr. Sorensen's memoirs, *Counselor: A Life at the Edge of History*, were published on May 6, 2008 by HarperCollins and quickly became a bestseller.



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AMBASSADOR JOSEPH VERNER REED

Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations
Special Advisor to the United Nations Secretary-General
White House Chief of Protocol to President George Bush



Born in New York City, Ambassador Reed is a graduate of Yale University, Class of 1961. Ambassador Reed joined The World Bank as Private Secretary to the President. From 1963 to 1981, he was Vice President and Assistant to the Chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank, Mr. David Rockefeller.

Mr. Reed was appointed by U.S. President Ronald Reagan as Ambassador of the United States to the Kingdom of Morocco in 1981, and in 1985 as the Representative of the United States to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations as Deputy Permanent Representative of the United States Mission.

In 1987, he was appointed Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations for Political and General Assembly Affairs. In early 1989, President

George Bush appointed Ambassador Reed the Chief of Protocol of the United States of America, where he served until late 1991. In 1992, U.N. Secretary-General, Dr. Boutros-Ghali, appointed Ambassador Reed Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations.

In January 2005, Ambassador Reed was reappointed by Secretary-General Kofi A. Annan as Under-Secretary-General and Special Advisor. In February 2007, Secretary-General BAN Ki-moon reappointed Ambassador Reed as Under-Secretary-General and Special Advisor. He continues to serve in this distinguished “Parliament of Man.”



*Please join us in our efforts
to plant the Roots of Peace...*



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