

# PEACE EDUCATORS ALLIED FOR CHILDREN EVERYWHERE

## Presented the 2016 PEACE Awards at NAEYC in Los Angeles, Nov. 2016.

### Pat Dorman

#### *A lifelong fighter for quality childcare*

Memories go back forty years of your commitment to progress for children and the early childhood education they deserve. Your work with CAEYC, as liaison to the California legislature, opened a two-way communication which translated children's issues into words the legislators could understand. Advocacy was strengthened year after year by the trainings you offered and the information about the budget and legislative process provided in your newsletter, *On the Capitol Doorstep*. You empowered the voices of parents and teachers to speak up for children in the State Capitol. Now as a P.E.A.C.E. member and a grandmother, you have brought your skills and determination to the struggle for safe settings for LGBT children and families in our schools and communities. We value your steady voice for advocacy in our deliberations together, along with the waffles and other delectables you serve up. Thank you for the grace, wisdom, friendship, and passion you bring to all you do.



### The Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender Interest Forum

#### *Teaching us all about diversity*

Your presence within NAEYC and elsewhere supports individuals living with LGBT realities, often surrounded by ignorance and prejudice. You educate early childhood teachers and help them create safe and welcoming classrooms for colleagues, children and families. The long road you travel winds on, but we celebrate the progress and welcome the awareness your efforts encourage in this organization and in our communities. Our collaboration with you in presentations here opened our eyes and strengthened our commitment to join in your work to end discrimination. We value your humor, and humanity and honor your achievements. Thank you



### Brian Silveira accepted the Peace Award for the LGBT Interest Forum with this speech.

The LGBT Interest Forum would like to thank the Peace Educators Interest Forum for recognizing our work on behalf of Peace Education. Our work is as desperately needed in this country now as it was when we started 35 years ago!

To quote Harvey Milk, *"If a bullet should enter my brain, let that bullet destroy every closet door."* Harvey Milk

Some say that the fight is over now that we have marriage equality. We want to offer some context of the violence that still exists against the LGBT community:

"On June 12, 2016, a 29-year-old security guard, killed 49 people and wounded 53 others in a terrorist attack/hate crime inside Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida. He was shot and killed by Orlando Police officers after a three-hour standoff. Pulse was hosting Latin Night and most of the victims were Latino. It was the deadliest mass shooting by a single shooter, the deadliest incident of violence against LGBT people in United States history, and the deadliest terrorist attack in the United States since the September 11 attacks in 2001" (Wikipedia)

**Think about that, the deadliest mass shooting by a single shooter and the deadliest terrorist attack since 9/11!**

A moment of respect for the victims and survivors of the Orlando Massacre.

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