



Hiroshima Peace Memorial

Jack Lynch

9/11 Widows and Victims' Families Association

Tadatoshi Akiba, Mayor of the city of Hiroshima, graciously met with family members and residents to provide insight on the Hiroshima Peace Memorial. He solemnly extended his condolences to all who lost loved ones on 9/11 and stated that the people of Hiroshima stand in support of New York. Many of their people felt what happened on 9/11 was similar to what they experienced 57 years ago. The Mayor reminded us of how New York citizens helped Hiroshima in reporting the human tragedy, supporting orphans and performing surgery on many who were severely burned at Mount Sinai Hospital. At the time, the support brought hope for the future and for humanity, to people in despair.

A discussion took place about how the Hiroshima Peace Park Memorial was created as a Memorial to the horrible events surrounding the dropping of the atomic bomb. Congress enacted a special law in 1949 (4 years after the tragedy), setting aside 30 acres for the memorial. Mayor Akiba described how the decision was made without much controversy as the government did not require public input.

The Peace Memorial is designed so that the A Bomb Dome, (a structure that survived the blast) the Memorial and the museum are aligned in the center of the park in a sight line. *continued on page 3*

Staten Island Memorial

Patricia Reilly

St. Clares WTC Outreach Committee

Family members from St. Clare's WTC Outreach Committee have written Governor Pataki and elected officials requesting a memorial at the Fresh Kills landfill on Staten Island. Fresh Kills is the site where a third sifting of all debris from the WTC and where remains of many loved ones were found. Dennis McKeon, chairman of the Committee has requested a bill to be drafted protecting the 175 acre site from any future development other than a Memorial Park. The request stressed the importance of families' involvement in the process and planning to insure the memorial reflects the spirit of their loved ones.

Program for WTC Development

Monica Iken

September's Mission

The Coalition of 9/11 Families has been actively working with many of the interested stakeholders and the LMDC Family Advisory Council on planning for the WTC memorial. The goal of the Coalition is to share information and provide representation for our families' voices. On October 11th, the LMDC released a design program to 6 architectural firms to create 12 plans for integration of the components for the WTC site. Components of the LMDC design program include: the memorial, cultural and civic amenities, parks and open spaces, religious institutions, a range of retail and commercial office space, a 21st century train station, reconnection of streets through the site, an international conference center and hotel. The architectural firms have been challenged to develop a plan that feasibly incorporates all of the components in the 16 acre site. The 12 new designs will be open for public review in late November. We encourage all families to participate in the public forums since the designs and surroundings will have a dramatic effect on the memorial for our loved ones. You can review the program and email support for the Coalition or program comments to the LMDC at www.renewnyc.com.

The Coalition has raised several concerns about the memorial in the design program to the LMDC, including oversight of the memorial integration, definition of supporting facilities and placement. In response, the LMDC has stated that the memorial will be defined and integrated in the second phase of planning by the end of 2002. The Coalition has expressed the imperative need for integration of the memorial throughout the entire WTC site to the LMDC, residents, politicians and several interested stakeholders. Since neither the memorial or the space have been defined, it is difficult to harmonize this integration. The Coalition has expressed concern over this inherent flaw in the process and the accelerated timeline to the LMDC. The Coalition has strongly emphasized in all discussions that the memorial area must

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Skyscraper Safety In The News

Sally Regenhard

Skyscraper Safety Campaign

On October 17th, Sally Regenhard and Monica Gabrielle, from the Skyscraper Safety Campaign (SSC) returned to Washington, DC to attend the Senate Joint Intelligence Committee Hearings. Giving testimony were the heads of the FBI, CIA and NSA. It was a painful eye opener to learn how much these agencies knew and failed to act upon. We supported family members Kristen Breitweiser and Stephen Push who gave testimony regarding the need for an Independent Investigation into the security lapses of 9/11. An investigation with full subpoena power is clearly necessary from the outcome of the hearings to find out why 9/11 happened and prevent it from happening again

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Together, we will ensure the WTC Memorial will be a place of reverence, honor and peace for future generations.

It is critical that individuals call their elected officials and request support of the McCain-Lieberman bill, which calls for such an investigation. For contact information of elected officials please visit www.skyscrapersafety.org.

On September 29th, SSC joined Rev. Bill Minson and hundreds of family members for a Remembrance Walk in the Battery Park and the WTC areas. The event was a huge success with many families turning out to remember their loved ones. We would like to thank Rev. Minson and Dennis McKeon for organizing the Walk of Remembrance and their consistent support.

SSC joined Congressman Anthony Weiner, City Council member Alan Gerson and other concerned citizens on the steps of City Hall on September 30th for a Press Conference to express our outrage at the unsettling news that Mr. Larry Silverstein, his insurance companies and the Port Authority have been secretly investigating the collapse of the WTC, while SSC and families were kept in the dark. We called for public disclosure of this information. SSC has joined the New York Times in legal action under FOIL (Freedom of Information Law) to obtain all emergency records, transcripts and tapes regarding 9/11. If we want to reform the system and never allow the events that led up to the structural collapse of the towers to happen again, we cannot hide from the past.

SSC has testified at three City Council hearings regarding the FDNY, NYPD, & OEM (City of NY) response on 9/11. Sally Regenhard, Monica Gabrielle as well as members of our Advisory Panel, and FDNY & EMS unions gave testimony. One of our primary missions is to ensure that first responders like the FDNY are prepared with the proper equipment to respond to high-rise fires in skyscrapers. We also support the Uniformed Firefighters Association in advocating a raise for the FDNY and the new grass roots effort "The FDNY is Worth It". The campaign is a grass roots movement of New Yorkers, including celebrities like James Gandolfini, Denis Leary and Steve Buscemi who believe it is time for politicians to change the fact that our firefighters are the lowest paid in the country, have not had a raise in nearly 4 years and have been working without a contract for nearly 2.5 years. Join us and support our first line of defense, visit www.fdnysworthit.com. Email your thoughts to politicians to support the FDNY.

The SSC is proud to announce, "The National Construction Safety Team Act" Bill S: 2496 was signed by President Bush. The Bill contains subpoena power for the NIST investigation into the collapse of the WTC. Visit www.wtc.nist.gov for updates. SSC would like to thank family members and those who support our work on behalf of all Americans.

September 11th Families Give Back

Marian Fontana

9/11 Widows and Victims Families Association

On September 20, 2001, the event Stars Stripes and Skates was held at Madison Square Garden. Sponsored by the Coalition of 9/11 Families, the event was an opportunity for our families to show appreciation for the love and support we received after 9-11. Skaters Nancy Kerrigan, Sasha Cohen, Victor Petrenko, Timothy Goebel, Surya Bonaly and skaters from around the world dazzled the audience with their talent and energy. One of the highlights of the event was skater Melissa Ielpi who skated in honor of her brother Jonathan, a firefighter killed on September 11th. Melissa was introduced by Joanna Glick, who has also skated in tribute of her brother, Jeremy Glick.

The audience, moved by Melissa's impassioned performance gave her a long and well deserved standing ovation. Over 75 children, also had the opportunity to skate together in a dynamic display of patriotism and symbol of our future.

The Coalition of 9/11 Families is grateful to the National Media Group who coordinated the event, to Tara Modlin and Melissa Ielpi for making it a huge success, to Steve Buscemi who hosted the event and most of all to the skaters who donated their time and energy.

The event raised money for the "Families Give Back Fund" to benefit children affected by terrorism and violence in the future. Already, a check is being sent from "The Families Give

Back Fund" to the families in Bali affected by recent terrorism. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, make your check payable to: "The Families Give Back Fund" All donations are tax deductible and can be sent to c/o NMG 1790 Broadway, Suite 400, New York, NY 10019.



Memorial Park Structural Enhancements

Julie Boryczewski

Give Your Voice

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) has been promoting hope for September 11th Families through their valiant efforts for over a year now. Coalition families have been meeting and working with the ME since last September. The compassionate dedication of the team working with us has brought faith and always alleviated concerns for our loved ones. Family member Christy Ferer, who is Mayor Bloomberg's family liaison, has secured funding to enhance the temporary resting place of our loved ones known as Memorial Park. The structural improvements to Memorial Park intend to offer visiting families a more serene, peaceful, intimate, and private visiting space; in addition to providing the OCME's office with the functionality of continuing with their identification work. Some of the improvements discussed include: the removal of the trailers

which will be replaced by a mausoleum-type structure that will allow continuation of the identification processes; the creation of movable walls to provide privacy; space to post memorabilia, photos, messages; and a warmer, wooden look to the façade of the facility. In addition to creating an area that is dignified, reverent, and more comfortable for the families, these improvements will also provide easier accessibility to Memorial Park for the families.

The OCME's office is also issuing Identification Cards to Family Members. The cards serve as identification to gain access to Memorial Park and will be honored at all NYC WTC family events in lieu of supplying P or T numbers. Memorial Park Chaplaincy services remain in place at Memorial Park.

MEMORIAL PARK ID CARDS

To schedule an appointment, visitation or ID Card
Call (212) 447-7884
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Monday - Friday
3rd Avenue & 30th St
Adjacent to the Office
of the Chief Medical
Examiner

Program For WTC Development

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respectfully carry a feeling of sacredness and peace. While all of the parties have agreed to this premise, the Coalition anticipates integration will pose challenges with many stakeholders due to the numerous components compacted into the design program that will surround the memorial.

Further plaguing the planning process is the definition of the tower footprints. The Coalition advocates the footprint as the area enclosed in both of the steel tower walls and the Marriott Hotel that was attached to World Trade Tower 1, from the bedrock seven stories down to the air rights. Both Lee Ielpi and Jack Lynch, who lost their sons at the WTC and worked daily for eight months in the recovery efforts, have emphasized how imperative outlining this area as the footprint is in relation to the concentration of remains of our loved ones that were recovered. The Coalition will continue to advocate for this area above and below ground as the footprint area that is sacred ground.

On October 8th Coalition representatives met with Governor Pataki's chief of staff John Cahill to discuss the Governor's feedback on the Coalition's recommendations to the LMDC regarding the memorial and future of the WTC site. The Governor of NY is an important decision maker since the site is owned by the Port Authority which has shared control by the Governors of NY and NJ. Mr. Cahill reassured us there will not be commercial development on the surface level of the interior of WTC tower one and tower two. He did not take a position on development of the below ground infrastructure of the towers. He also did not take a position on the "Bathtub Area" (from Liberty Street to Vesey and West Street to demapped Greenwich) that the Coalition is advocating for the memorial complex. Governor Pataki is very supportive of our families and an appropriate memorial to our loved ones. He has consistently encouraged the Coalition to advocate our position for the

memorial and extended his appreciation for the collective efforts of Coalition family members to address the unprecedented issues facing our families.

Lee Ielpi, a member of the Coalition, was part of the LMDC Family Advisory Council delegation who traveled to existing memorials to learn about the process. Lee stated, "Understanding how families and other major cities have addressed the functional requirements, placement, integration and design is extremely helpful." Family members from Oklahoma City have encouraged slowing the design process to give appropriate reflection. Supporting facilities and conveying the history for future generations is critical in the integration of a memorial. For example, the World War II memorial fountain, which has taken 20 years to develop, will be surrounded by representations depicting the era and events.

Monica Iken met with residents who are organizing the group "Common Ground". The group is advocating for shared concerns among stakeholders. Residents and family members share concerns over integration of the memorial, transportation, open space, buffers and the return of economic vitality. After touring Battery Park City with residents, Iken felt there were many opportunities to work together and achieve quality outcomes.

The Coalition will continue to work with the LMDC and all interested parties to ensure families have a voice in developing the memorial to our loved ones. We are steadfastly committed to ensuring development at the site will serve to memorialize the many facets of the events of 9/11 for future generations and a magnificent memorial will honor the heroism and sacrifice of the lives lost on that tragic day.



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The Memorial is a small, simple structure in the center of the park but the entire surroundings accentuate and complement the Memorial. Underneath the Memorial a stone casing holds the registry of over 220,000 names of the deceased, which include survivors of the Bomb who died later. Wording on the memorial created a tremendous amount of controversy. After much discussion a simple sentence to imprint the event in the minds of future generations was decided upon "Let all the souls here rest in peace, for we shall not repeat the evil." The "we" represents all humanity. The Park contains 50 memorials representing different people and themes and is a valuable learning experience. The Memorial has stood the test of time and it is still the center of the city and its people, both spiritually and physically, after 57 years.

Mayor Akiba told us of how the citizens of Hiroshima are committed to bringing a million Japanese school children to the Peace Park every year. Children must learn about Pearl Harbor and know the history of World War II before making the trip. Pearl Harbor is not taught in Japanese history in the regular school curriculum. Survivors of the A Bomb blast are guides in the Park and relate their experiences to the 10 million visitors who come to the Memorial each year from all around the world.

We wish to thank Mayor Akiba for his courtesy and insight as we continue in our journey to ensure that moral authority takes precedence in honoring the sacrifice of our lost loved ones. We are encouraged by his insight and believe the WTC Memorial will be the most magnificent tribute to the historic events of September 11th, our loved ones and to freedom.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COALITION OF 9/11 FAMILIES TO THE LMDC REGARDING THE MEMORIAL AND FUTURE OF WTC SITE

RECOMMENDED GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- The site must be treated with all of the reverence due a hallowed burial ground. For many families, it represents the final resting place of their loved ones.
- Treatment of the site must respect the personal grief of all families of victims of 9/11, and the collective pain and shock experienced by the city, state, nation and entire world.
- Treatment of the site must honor the heroism and sacrifice of the many who gave their lives, and the many still living who offered their time and services, for their fellow citizens.
- Future uses at the site should make a positive contribution to the cultural and spiritual life of the city and the nation.
- Structural development at the site should serve the purpose of memorializing the many facets of the events of September 11th for future generations.

RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON PRINCIPLES:

- All discussions that pertain to development should have substantial input from families affected.
- The Coalition believes as much acreage as possible, including WTC Tower 1, Tower 2 and the Marriott, must be entirely devoted to a Memorial and should have permanently protected legal status. This includes the area inside the slurry wall quadrant of Greenwich (East side), West Street (West side), Vesey (North side), and Liberty (South side).
- The overriding purpose of architecture and landscaping at the site should be to make visitors aware of the enormity and reality of the events on 9/11 and the personal sacrifices of those involved.
- Treatment of the site should be parallel to sites of comparable importance in American history, such as Pearl Harbor, Gettysburg and Normandy that contribute to economic, cultural and social values of New Yorkers in the manner of Central Park, Lincoln Park and The Mall in Washington, D.C.
- The site can have a positive impact on the economy of the City through its contribution to tourism and to the cultural and spiritual life of New Yorkers.

Thanks for contributing your voice. The Coalition maintains an open door to all families and encourages you to share our newsletter. Enclosed is a reply card for additional family members to voice their opinion on development of the WTC memorial.

FAMILY MEMBER VOTE

- 1,223 Support Coalition's recommended principals.
- 139 Support a Memorial Park of 16 acres.
- 78 Support rebuilding with a small memorial.
- 91 Cannot address memorial issues.

Tribute

9/11 Family Resources

Please make sure you have mailed the Coalition your vote on the enclosed card. The WTC memorial to our loved ones and America depends on our families' voices. The Coalition will be sharing results with the LMDC in late November.

Support the FDNY!

Tell the city how much we need firefighters. Visit www.FDNYisWorthIt.com

Health Care Policy & Benefits

Family member Bill Doyle is compiling information on a health care benefits package for 9/11 families who:

- Can not afford a policy
- In jeopardy of losing Health Care
- Not eligible for Cobra coverage
- Can not afford Cobra coverage

For details call (718) 948-6284 or email WDoyle5615@aol.com

FEMA

Federal Mortgage and Rental Assistance is available to families whose household income decreased by 25% due to 9/11 because they lived or worked in Manhattan. Application deadline is January 31, 2003 (800) 462-9029 8:00 – 5:00 pm, M-F

UNITED SERVICES GROUP

www.9-11usg.org

16 Member Agencies
Financial Assistance
Legal Referral Service
Immigration Hotline

Case workers are available to help coordinate programs for families of September 11th.

(866) 689-4357
Family Assistance Center
(212) 350-4000

The Family Gift Program provides financial assistance to cover unmet living expenses for a full year such as housing, transportation, childcare and tuition.

The Coalition of 9/11 Families would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Lutheran Disaster Response of New York for their assistance in distributing the enclosed information to our families.

Download Tribute, share with family and friends. Immediate family members are welcome to vote in support of the Coalition or express their voice on the WTC Memorial at:

www.Memorialfor911.com

Families' Calendar

November 12, 9AM – 12 PM
Fire Safety Directors Seminar
Southgate Hotel, 7th Ave & 31 St

November 13, 6:30 PM
Residents Planning Workshop
Pace University

November 17, 5:30 – 8:30 PM
Federal Victim Comp Fund Options
Staten Island, 800-211-7996 RSVP

December 7, 5-10:00 PM
WTC United Family Holiday Gathering
www.wtcunitedfamilygroup.org

Open for all 9/11 Families

Bring Memorial Park ID Card

NYC ME Memorial Park
520 East 30 St., at 1st Avenue
Call (212) 447-7884 for appointment

Family House at WTC Site
Washington & Liberty Street

Family Room at WTC Site
One Liberty Plaza, 20th Floor

 <p>Coalition OF 9/11 FAMILIES <i>WE REMEMBER</i></p> <p><i>Uniting to create a memorial in honor of the heroism and sacrifice of America on September 11, 2001.</i></p>	<p>9/11 WIDOWS AND VICTIMS' FAMILIES ASSOCIATION</p>  <p>911WVFVA.org</p>	<p>GIVE YOUR VOICE</p>  <p>GiveYourVoice.com</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER'S MISSION</p>  <p>SeptembersMission.org</p>	<p>WTC UNITED FAMILY GROUP</p>  <p>wtcunitedfamilygroup.org</p>
<p>SKYSCRAPER SAFETY CAMPAIGN</p>  <p>SkyscraperSafety.org</p>	<p>ST. CLARE'S WTC OUTREACH COMMITTEE</p>  <p>Email mckeond@att.com</p>	<p>TUESDAY'S CHILDREN</p>  <p>TuesdaysChildrenFund.org</p>	<p>VOICES OF SEPTEMBER 11TH</p>  <p>VoicesofSept11.org</p>	

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