

## Celebration of Our Peace and Justice Legacy

August 28, 2009

### Program

#### Welcome and Comments

Suepinda Keith, Chapel Hill NAACP History Committee

Sally Greene, Chapel Hill Town Council

Song: Study War No More

Keresha Roi, Recording Artist, a capella

#### Our Peace and Justice Honorees

Charlotte Adams, comments by Keith Edwards

Hank Anderson, comments by Sterling Holt

James Brittian, comments by Barbara Hopkins

Joe Herzenberg, comments by Fred Battle

Mildred Ringwalt, comments by Roscoe Reeve

Hubert Robinson, comments by Yonni Chapman

Joe Straley, comments by Diana McDuffie

Lucy Straley, comments by Lucy Lewis

Gloria Williams, comments by Kathy Williams

Song: We Gon' Stand

Keresha Roi, Recording Artist, a capella

#### Closing Remarks

Michelle Cotton Laws, Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP President

Reception and Refreshments inside Post Office

Highlighted announcement--Unveiling of tribute marker, September 20, 3pm,

#### Thank you to our co-sponsors and contributors

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

UNC NAACP

Rogers Eubanks Neighborhood Association/Coalition to End Environmental Racism

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United With the Northside Community NOW (UNC NOW)

UNC Feminist Students United (FSU)

Nancie McDermott

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**Rally**  
5 p.m.  
Friday, Aug. 28

**Dedication**  
3 p.m.  
Sunday, Sept. 20

**Observing the  
anniversary of the 1963  
March on Washington at  
Peace and Justice Plaza**

**Dedication of the tribute  
marker at Peace and  
Justice Plaza**



*True peace is not simply the absence of some negative force; it is the presence of Justice.*

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**



**Charlotte Adams** was a strong racial justice worker during civil rights and desegregation. In 1970, she began court monitoring to ensure justice and co-founded the Dispute Settlement Center. She was a lifelong peace activist and member of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. **Keith Edwards**, one of the black students Charlotte tutored, will honor her today.



**Hank Anderson** began his civil rights activism in South Carolina. In Chapel Hill, he became the first black Parks and Recreation Director in North Carolina in 1969. He founded the Hank Anderson Breakfast Club, served as a Carrboro alderman, and was a leader of the NAACP. **Sterling Holt**, Hank's longtime friend and colleague, will honor him today.



**James Brittan** participated in the first sit-in at Colonial Drug in 1960. He represented Lincoln High School students in the civil rights movement. He was Program Project Director for Joint Orange-Chatham Community Action (JOCCA). At his death, he was serving as President of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP. **Barbara Hopkins**, his sister, will honor him today.



**Joe Herzenberg** was a member of the Town Council; a historian; an advocate for social, environmental, and economic justice; and the first openly gay elected official in North Carolina. He was a Freedom Summer volunteer in Mississippi in 1964 and continued his racial justice advocacy in Chapel Hill. **Fred Battle**, a longtime friend, will honor him today.



**Mildred Ringwalt** brought Quaker witness to the streets of Chapel Hill on issues of peace, justice, equal rights and human rights. Rebecca Clark and she founded the local Welfare Rights Organization to empower poor women. She co-founded the Interfaith Council and Carolina Friends School. **Roscoe Reeve**, her son-in-law, will honor her today.



**Hubert Robinson** broke the color line in politics when he won election to the Board of Aldermen in 1953. He was a leader of the Negro Civic Club and First Baptist Church. In 1963, he and Adelaide Walters cast the only yes votes on the Board of Aldermen for the Public Accommodations Ordinance. **Yonni Chapman**, NAACP History Committee Chair, will honor him today.



**Joe Straley** opposed Jim Crow in Chapel Hill during the 1950s and helped found the Community Church. He was a tireless worker for racial justice, civil liberties, and an opponent of US wars of intervention. He served on the Chapel Hill Town Council and led the Carolina Taskforce on Central America (CITCA). **Diana McDuffie**, Joe's longtime friend, will honor him today.



**Lucy Straley** was a longtime member of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). On this ground, she participated in the nation's longest anti-Vietnam War vigil and protested US intervention abroad until her death. She was the backbone of the Joe and Lucy Straley team and an inspiration. **Lucy Lewis**, her friend and WILPF comrade, will honor her today.



**Gloria Williams** was a key organizer of the 1960 civil rights protests and served on the Mayor's Human Relations Council. She was active in school desegregation and tirelessly worked for racial justice. She directed the Chapel Hill Housing Authority and Joint Orange Chatham Community Action (JOCCA). **Kathye Williams**, her daughter, will honor her today.