



Honoree **Riane Eisler** and the Honorable **George Eskin** attended law school at UCLA together.

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Nuclear Age Peace Foundation: *Women for Peace*

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CHALKING UP PROGRESS toward ridding the world of nuclear weapons, The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation (NAPF) held their annual *Evening For Peace* on Saturday, at the Four Seasons Biltmore Coral Casino.

Two internationally respected peace leaders, Judith Mayotte and Riane Eisler were honored in the Women for Peace themed event. After debuting a new DVD and a beautifully presented dinner, Perry Longo shared several peace poems, including one she wrote for the occasion.

Paul Chappell, the new Peace Leadership Director also shared some of his experiences and hopes.

David Krieger, NAPF President and Co-founder, addressed participants concluding with, "The NAPF has honored some truly outstanding women... We draw encouragement from the roles played by women in seeking to build a more decent world."

With a note that "The overriding theme of your life is compassion," NAPF Board Member Anna Grotenhuis presented the 2009 World Citizenship Award to Judith Mayotte "for her dedication to alleviating the plight of refugees throughout the world and her unflinching

spirit of hope."

Mayotte accepted the award "on behalf of the millions of women around the world." With a vibrant smile she then called the room to be "daredevils for peace." Noting, "We can choose to desecrate our world or to enrich our human family and our planet... If we garner the moral and political will to act collectively, polar bears will have solid ice flows... and people..."

Mayotte truly understands that everything is political, and everything is moral. In her best of all worlds everyone would have clean water, climate change would be addressed, and refugees could go home - or wouldn't have to leave home.

Between the awards, Sibylene, a four person women's band shared original music.

Then, Santa Barbara City Council Member and Mayor Elect Helene Schneider presented Riane Eisler with the 2009 Distinguished Peace Leadership Award "for her commitment to building a culture of peace through education, social justice, and gender equality."

Eisler who is an author, social scientist, and lawyer noted, "To move forward we need a systemic approach...we need cultural transformation."

After explaining that patterns of behavior are learned young, including either patterns of respect or patterns of intimate violence, she explained the basis of her analysis, noting that cultures generally fall into either partnership based cultures or hierarchal cultures. Then she traced this back to children's early experiences. Eisler then encouraged the group to stand up to



Honoree **Judith Mayotte** and **Jeff Farrell**, who attended high school together, are pictured with **Gabrielle Farrell**.

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Honorees **Riane Eisler** and **Judith Mayotte** (seated) with Dr. **David Loye**, **Carolee Krieger**, and NAPF Co-Founder **David Krieger**, and NAPF Peace Leadership Director **Paul Chappell**



Standing: NAPF Board Member **Anna Grotenhuis**, Emcee **Judith Weisbart**, SB Mayor Elect **Helene Schneider**, **David Krieger**, and Sponsor **Marion Wells**. Front: Honorees **Judith Mayotte** and **Riane Eisler**



NAPF Co-Founder **Frank Kelly** and **Robert Muller**, co-founder of the University for Peace in Costa Rica



Ginny Marshall and sponsor Baroness **Léni Fé Bland**



Hilal Elner and NAPF Board Chair **Richard Falk**



From Santa Barbara City College: **Juanita Black**, **Gretchen Hayward**, Prof. **Joe Martorana** and **Janet Martorana**



Some of the 111 students who were sponsored to attend the *Evening for Peace* photographed with the honorees and NAPF President **David Krieger**



From San Roque High School: **Margaux Robles**, **Estefany Hernandez**, **Arianna Cook**, **Katelyn Kirchner**, Art Facilitator **Rebecca Clark**, **Susy Alfaro**, and **Marvae Kerr**