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Two fund-raising events were held

The first was a pot luck dinner five weeks ahead with invited speaker Dr. Alan Phillips of Physicians for Global Survival. We served a large birthday cake decorated to honor the 52nd anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and sang "Happy Birthday".

The second was a dessert and coffee evening held at a local church as a kick-off the night before the opening. The speaker, Dr. Ursula Franklin, was a prominent University Professor of Metallurgy and Earth Sciences, a Quaker and peace and community activist. An outline in black, the exact size of the Nagasaki bomb, was hung on the wall and people invited to cover it with their post-it peace messages.

Successful applications were made to several funding sources including the John Holmes Fund of the Canadian government. Envelopes requesting a donation were handed out at every opportunity.

The School Groups Organizer formed a sub-committee which met separately and put together a resource kit for teachers. This was to be given out to each teacher who booked a time for the class to tour the Exhibit. (Unfortunately a teachers' strike interfered with this but some classes did attend and the kits were distributed to interested teachers).

Tour guides from peace groups were trained to assist people who visited the Exhibit, to encourage them to take the pamphlets outlining the work of about 12 different peace groups, and to sign the Guest Book and add their comments about the Exhibit. They were also urged to invite people to sign the Abolition 2000 Petition to the Canadian House of Commons to negotiate a timebound convention by the Year 2000 to end all nuclear weapons. It was also a unique opportunity for peace group members to connect with each other and learn about each others' work. At least one member of VANA and another peace group were on hand during the whole exhibit.

The Rotunda of the Council of Metropolitan Toronto was the site chosen in downtown Toronto and was free of charge. The chairman of Metro Council, the Consul-General of Japan for Ontario, the President of Science for Peace, a former peacekeeper representing the United Nations Association of Canada and The Rev. Ronald A. Mosley, who first suggested the idea, were the principal speakers for the opening. The Soka Gakkai International organization supplied the material for the ribbon-cutting.