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Save the date!

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at Parkdale United Church,
2919 – 8th Ave. N.W., Calgary, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
John Rose, Investment Advisor, RBC Wealth Management
“Keeping your money away from nuclear weapons developments!”**

Are you unknowingly investing in nuclear weapons? If you are interested in investing your money in a socially responsible way in mutual funds that are nuclear free, please join us on March 11, 2020, for a presentation on nuclear divestment. John Rose, investment advisor for RBC Wealth Management, will present information on mutual funds and nuclear weapons' groups to divest from. John is a 30-year veteran of the Canadian investment industry. Danica Derksen of Ploughshares Calgary Society will also discuss what nuclear divestment is, current initiatives to support it, and what this means for the future.

Our events are free, but we gratefully accept donations.

**Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Parkdale United Church
Peggy Mason, president, Rideau Institute
“What would a feminist foreign policy look like?”**

Peggy Mason, president of the Rideau Institute in Ottawa and former UN ambassador for Canada, will speak on “What would a feminist foreign policy look like?” Please note that the date for this talk has changed to April 18, 2020. Come and hear this dynamic, knowledgeable, and widely respected speaker. More details to follow in the next issue.

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, May 9, 2020, Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church
4612 Varsity Drive N.W., Calgary, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Doors open 9:00 a.m.)
“Fake news and the future of democracy”**

Advances in technology have enabled citizens to become better informed than ever before; however, they have also made it increasingly difficult to distinguish fact from fiction. Moreover, while democracy requires accurate information and an informed electorate, ‘fake news’ is unfortunately becoming a growth industry. The Calgary Association for Lifelong Learners (CALL) is planning a community conference that will explore the ‘fake news’ phenomenon with a view to assessing its possible impacts on democratic institutions, and to providing participants with tools to combat the tsunami of distortions coming their way. Dr. Maria Bakardjieva, professor in the Department of Communication, Media, and Film, University of Calgary, and a specialist in media and democracy, will present the keynote address. An expert panel will also be on hand to discuss these issues and there will be facilitator-led breakout sessions for participants. The cost is \$40, which includes coffee and lunch (vegetarian options are available). For more information about this important event, see <https://calgarylifelonglearners.ca/Fake-News>. Space is limited so please register soon. To register, refer to CALL’s website at <https://calgarylifelonglearners.ca/event-3742093>



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Due to demands on board members, we have to keep this section short this month.

- ❖ On Jan. 23, 2020, Canadians for a Nuclear Weapons Convention (CNWC), supported by more than 1,000 recipients of the Order of Canada, wrote once again to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau urging him and his government to make nuclear arms control and disarmament a national priority. In the letter, CNWC reported on the U.N. Institute for Disarmament Research's recent declaration that the risk of nuclear weapons being used is at its highest since World War II; CNWC further noted that the nuclear powers continue to spend billions of dollars to modernize their arsenals. CNWC warned that this renewed nuclear arms race continues within a deteriorating global security environment—one in which the institutions and agreements meant to advance arms control and disarmament are disintegrating. See [CNWC's Letter to the Prime Minister](#).

Want to stay in touch with current events?

We have some suggestions for you

- ❖ Are you interested in staying up-to-date on current events? If so, you could subscribe to Ceasefire.ca, which posts newsletters, podcasts, blogs, and videos. Ceasefire.ca is a project of the Rideau Institute, and an independent research, advocacy, and consulting group based in Ottawa. It provides research, analysis, and commentary on public issues for decision makers, opinion leaders, and the general public. You can also subscribe to their newsletter by clicking on this link: <https://www.ceasefire.ca/newsletters/>
- ❖ Peace-I is another recommended mailing list that is maintained by Project Ploughshares. It contains Canadian discussions about general peace issues, including emerging crises. You can subscribe here: <https://list.web.net/lists/listinfo/peace-i>
- ❖ Project Ploughshares maintains the Abolition-I list as a forum for information sharing and discussion on matters related to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation efforts in Canada and abroad. To subscribe, visit <https://list.web.net/lists/listinfo/abolition-i> or, via email, send a message with subject or body 'help' to abolition-i-request@list.web.net

We are very grateful for your loyal moral and financial support. over the years that has allowed us to continue working for and educating about peace. Please consider donating for 2020 soon if you haven't already done so. If you have already sent in your donation for 2020, we thank you.

Please make your cheque payable to Ploughshares Calgary Society.

If you write the cheque to the name of Project Ploughshares, the bank *will not* honour it for us, so please write it to "Ploughshares Calgary Society."

Yes, I am interested in supporting the peace work of the Ploughshares Calgary Society.
I'd like to make a donation in the following amount:

\$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ or an amount of _____

or a monthly donation of _____ or I am interested in volunteering _____

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Prov _____ Postal Code _____ Email: _____

Payment Options

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Make cheques payable to **Ploughshares Calgary Society** or go to www.ploughsharescalgary.ca to make your payment via PayPal. Please mail completed form with donation to the Ploughshares Calgary Society, 2919 - 8 Ave. N.W., Calgary, AB, T2N 1C8.

Please note that we are unable to provide tax receipts at this time.



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