

## THE HUMAN RIGHTS COALITION OF NORTH CAROLINA (HRCNC)

### INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

We are proud to announce that Jerry Markatos of Pittsboro has been selected to receive the International Human Rights Award for 2009.

**THANK YOU.** We acknowledge with thanks the recent financial contributions from Carolyn and Cy King (Raleigh), Bill and Diana Knox (Greensboro), Charles Lambeth (Thomasville), Norman Smith (Greensboro), ACLU of Wake County, Community United Church of Christ (Raleigh) and Pullen Memorial Baptist Church (Raleigh).

### A CALENDAR: RECOGNIZING HUMAN RIGHTS

**NOVEMBER 10 – DECEMBER 15:** "Love after Loss" - Exhibit of Ethiopian photographs by Elena Rue - in recognition of Human Rights Day. Monday - Thursday 1-9 p.m., and Fridays 1-3 p.m. NC State University African-American Cultural Center Art Gallery, Witherspoon Student Center.

**NOVEMBER 10 (10 a.m.–noon):** Opening reception. Meet the artist, Elena Rue. Presentation of Chancellor Woodward's Human Rights Day proclamation, 356 Witherspoon Student Center (see above).

**NOVEMBER 12 (6 p.m.):** W.W. Finlator Award Dinner honoring Senator Ellie Kinnaird. NC State University Club (4200 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh).

**NOVEMBER 14 (5–7 p.m.):** Forum - "Guantanamo Bay: Beyond the Law's Reach?". North Carolina Advocates for Justice Headquarters, 1317 Annapolis Drive, Raleigh.

**DECEMBER 1–31:** Display (with handouts) focusing on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Bill of Rights at the following Wake County libraries: Athens Drive, Cameron Village, Cary, East, Eva Perry, Green Road, North, Richard B. Harrison and Southeast.

**DECEMBER 7 (noon–1 p.m.):** Public reading of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by Exploris Middle School 8th-graders at the Capitol (House chamber). Speaker: Lonna Harkrader - "The Arc of the Moral Universe is Long but it Bends toward Justice."

**DECEMBER 8 (6:30 p.m.):** International Human Rights Award Dinner honoring Jerry Markatos. NC State University Club (for details, see next page).

**DECEMBER 10:** Human Rights Day; December 10-16 Human Rights Week.

**DECEMBER 13 (9:15–10:15 a.m.):** Speaker: Professor Judith Blau, "Embedding Human Rights in Communities." Community United Church of Christ, 814 Dixie Trail, Raleigh.

**DECEMBER 15:** Bill of Rights Day.

**DECEMBER 15 (12:15–1 p.m.):** Joint celebration of anniversaries of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (61st) and of the Bill of Rights (218th), Capitol (Senate chamber). Speaker: Dr. Dan Figgins, "Are Human Rights Indivisible?"

**DECEMBER 18:** 30th anniversary of adoption by the United Nations of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). 186 nations have ratified. Iran, Nauru, Palau, Somalia, Sudan, Tonga and the United States have not.

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The Human Rights Coalition of North Carolina is pleased to announce Jerry Markatos as the recipient of its 2009 International Human Rights Award.

Jerry is a “long-time unsung hero” in providing support for the human-rights struggles in Latin America and the Middle East. Here are some of his activities:

(a) extensive and unselfish service for 20 years on the board of Witness for Peace, Southeast and (b) for Carolina Interfaith Taskforce on Central America, (c) for many years arranging travel to Fort Benning, Georgia, for the annual protest against School of the Americas, (d) since the 1990s, hosting and organizing fundraising events each year for Pastors for Peace “to help them carry much-needed medical, educational and construction supplies to Cuba” and (e) co-founding in 1991 and continuing to chair Balance and Accuracy in Journalism, a co-sponsor of many programs that have focused on human-rights abuses in the Middle East and in Latin America.

Thus, it is with great pride that we present this award to Jerry Markatos. We invite you to join us in honoring this wonderful person and his work. He will speak on “Mark Twain, Human Rights and the Media.” Ed King and Cathy Markatos will provide the introductions.

### Award Dinner

The award will be presented at a dinner at the NC State University Club, 4200 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh (just east of the State Fair Grounds) on Tuesday, December 8. The social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person. A cash wine bar will be available.

The dinner will feature chicken marsala, green salad, rice, vegetable, rolls and a dessert. Those who desire a vegetarian dinner should request it at the time they make their reservations.

Please send checks payable to HRCNC to: Joyce Scapicchio  
5400 Neuse Forest Road  
Raleigh, NC 27616.

Advance payment is required and must be received on or before **Tuesday, December 1**. For additional information, please call Joyce at (919) 876-0501.

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