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The Andrew Thomas PeaceBuilder Award was established in 1996 to honor individuals and organizations that have promoted the field of alternative dispute resolution. Selection of recipients is based on such criteria as promoting the welfare of society as a public official, community volunteer or social service organization in support of a peaceful community, and advocating for peaceful means for resolving conflict. The award also reflects contributions global in scope (national or international).

Past recipients include:

- 2006 Robert A. Baruch Bush and Joseph P. Folger, co-authors of *The Promise of Mediation*
- 2005 Arun Gandhi, Founder and President M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence
- 2004 Gillian Martin Sorensen, Senior Advisor at the United Nations Foundation
- 2003 Dr. Howard Zehr, writer, lecturer and teacher in the contemporary restorative justice movement
- 2002 John Wallach, Founder and President of Seeds of Peace
- 2001 The Honorable Ann T. Pfau, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Management Support Judge of the New York City Criminal Court
- 2000 Lt. Governor Mary O. Donohue, New York State Lieutenant Governor, Task Force on Youth Violence
- 1999 Andrew Thomas, Executive Director of the Center for Dispute Settlement
- 1998 Center for Dispute Settlement, Rochester, NY
- 1997 Dr. Thomas F. Christian, Director of the NYS Unified Court System Community Dispute Resolution Centers Program (1981-1996)
- 1996 Chief Jake Swamp, Akwesasne Mohawk Nation

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Louise Diamond, Ph.D.



Significance of the Tree

In the Haudenosaunee culture, representing the original five nations of the Iroquois Confederacy, the nations of the Confederacy had been at war. In the interest of a peaceful Confederacy, they buried the instruments of war at the base of the tree. The symbol of the tree and its roots continue to be the symbol of peace.

ADR Day Luncheon Crowne Plaza - Albany, NY

(noon-2:00 pm)

Welcome and Introductions

Brett P. Linn
Board President
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Legislative Initiatives and

Reading of Governor's Proclamation

Eileen Rowley & Andrea Harum-Schiavoni
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Luncheon

PeaceBuilder Award Presentation

Brett P. Linn
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Acceptance Address

Louise Diamond, Ph.D.
Andrew Thomas PeaceBuilder Award Recipient

Closing Remarks

Lisa Hicks Yackel
Executive Director
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The 2007 Andrew Thomas PeaceBuilder Award

Louise Diamond, Ph.D.

Louise Diamond, Ph.D., is an educator and consultant whose life has been devoted to helping people live in peace. She is the co-founder (with Ambassador John McDonald) and President Emeritus of the Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy in Washington, D.C., where she worked as a peacebuilder in places of violent conflict around the world. She is also the founder of The Peace Company, seeking to make peace practical, popular, and profitable while showing that peace is good business. She has recently founded Where Peace Begins, a company dedicated to galvanizing a movement for a culture of peace.

Louise is an international public speaker, trainer, and consultant on issues related to peace and peacemaking. She also writes extensively, bringing a peacemaking perspective to current events. Her recent publications include *The Peace Book: 108 Simple Ways to Make a More Peaceful World* (which has sold over 80,000 copies), and *The Courage for Peace: Daring to Create Harmony in Ourselves and the World*. She has also written *How to Raise a Peaceful Child in a Violent World*, co-authored with Elizabeth Slade; and *Multi-Track Diplomacy: A Systems Approach to Peace*, co-authored with Ambassador John McDonald. She currently publishes *The Peace Report*, an online newsletter linking the personal and global by reflecting on world affairs through a peace lens.

Louise is spearheading a seminal conference called *Building a Culture of Peace*, leading to the creation of Peace Councils around the world to establish the infrastructure and wisdom for making the principles and practices of peace the underlying foundation of our societies. She is also developing and play and a video game about peacemaking.

Louise has a Ph.D. in Peace Studies from the Union Institute and an advanced degree in Human Resource and Organizational Development from the University of Vermont. She is a systems thinker with expertise in applied human behavior, organizational consulting, and human relations training. Louise is also a Peace Minister with Sunray Meditation Society, where for many years she directed a global program of training called *The Peacekeeper Mission*.