

I would like to thank the Coalition for Peace Action for presenting me with the Lifetime Achievement Award for my many years of dedication, commitment, and service to peace and social justice. I could not have worked as the South Jersey Coordinator for the Coalition for Peace and Justice without the help of many people.

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Being part of the peace movement for the past 37 years has been very rewarding. I have been on more bus trips to DC than I can count. As a delegate to the national board, I was able to travel across the country and meet all sorts of wonderful activists.

Locally, I wrote a column for the South Jersey Current, and was amazed by the number of individuals in

the community who read each week. I didn't know them, but they knew me. I was able to spread my message of peace and justice to the community.

Even though I'm stepping down as executive director, I leave with no regrets and I am confident Bob will do a great job continuing the work for peace and justice.

Once again, thank you all so much for this honor.