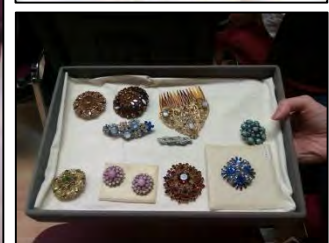


Renunciation of Revenge and Retribution

Testimony of peaceful attitude towards the history

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Speaker Mrs. Christa Scharf, Ambassador for Peace, PPP with text and photographs. - Mrs. Scharf was born 1929 in North Bohemia in the German speaking part. She explained, that in the past the people lived in harmony with the others ethnics groups until the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1919. North Bohemia had a lot of Industries and was very famous for her glassworks. Mrs. Scharf's parents were pastry-cooks. They treated their co-workers as if they were family-members. In May 1945 all the German speaking population was expelled by force like outlaws, leaving everything behind. Mrs. Scharf's family could survive thanks to their ex-workers and their own artistic abilities for handicraft. Mrs. Scharf is an artist (painter). With her whole family she successfully started a new life in Upper-Austria in

the city of Enns. For a couple of years she held an Exhibition in Gablonz, North Bohemia. She used to paint sceneries and landscapes of her childhood in North Bohemia.

The message of Mrs. Scharf: she never built up hatred or revenge feelings and participated in the 1st Sisterhood ceremony in Vienna between Austria and Czech Republic.

At our event the public (20 persons) was very curious and receptive to this precious testimony. Mrs. Scharf showed jewelry she produced and her paintings.

We shared drinks and cookies before breaking up.

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