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A Tribute to Susan Echard

1944-2010

Vice President for Membership and Conference Operations
World Future Society



Susan Echard
(1944-2010)

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Susan Echard was a GREAT ICON for the World Future Society and the day I knew her, she impressed me with her organizational skills, particular vision and dedication to promoting the events of the WFS.

Her loss leaves us a legacy, although she is no longer here, her presence remains for her outstanding human nature, loyalty, devotion and camaraderie.

When she assisted the "Diálogo de Alto Nivel. Los Futuros del Mundo. Alternativas para México" meeting from the WFS Mexican Chapter, in Mexico City, she made many friends and her support was recognized by everybody.

The WFS will always appreciate committed people as Susan. Rest in peace.

Julio A. Millán
President, WFS Mexico Chapter
and
Regional Editor, FUTUREtakes

I (like many people) have known Susan Echard for years, and she has been a staple member of the WFS staff and central to all its conferences over many years. I always had a fun discussion with her whenever we talked about an upcoming conference on the telephone. She was also central to each conference's operations. She will be greatly missed. God bless her and all her contributions to WFS.

Linda Groff
Associate Editor, FUTUREtakes

So sorry to learn about the passing of Susan Echard. She was such an integral part of the WFS. Her enthusiasm, motivation, inspiration, and presence will be missed.

Lois Neuman
Associate Editor, FUTUREtakes

It is with deep sadness that we report the death on July 29 of Susan Echard, long time membership and conference director. News of Sue's death has provoked much sadness throughout the World Future Society community. Sue's strength and dedication were an inspiration to those who worked with her. She will truly be missed.

Jay Herson
Managing Editor, FUTUREtakes
and
Secretary-Treasurer, Center for Transcultural Foresight, Inc.

This is really incredibly sad news. Susan was so absolutely wonderful, and she always helped people. All my Venezuelan students are grateful to her for her friendship and support. In this tragic moment, it is hard to say anything else, but we will never forget her!

José Cordeiro
President, WFS Venezuela Chapter
and
Regional Editor, FUTUREtakes

Susan's passing is really sad news. About this time last year, she had sent me an email confirming that I would be making a presentation on 'Future of Terror' at the Boston conference. This followed a suggestion I had made in the previous year indicating that the WFS should take note of the subject. What impressed me was that she kept track of the subject and reminded me right in the beginning of the year. She was so organized. I was impressed and told her so.

I had sent her a get well message from Boston, hoping to see her in Vancouver next summer. Her passing is a real loss to the WFS, and we shall all miss her as a good professional and an excellent friend. May her soul rest in peace!

Mohan Tikku
President, WFS India Chapter
and
Regional Editor, FUTUREtakes

It is with deep sadness that I have learned that Susan Echard, Vice President of the World Future Society (Conferences and Membership), passed away after a long illness. After orchestrating many WFS conferences through the years, she was very much missed at World Future 2010 and will be missed even more in the months ahead. Always supportive of FUTUREtakes, both during our early days as a WFS chapter newsletter and after we became an independent publication, it was Susan who made possible our opportunity to host the recent Chapter Activities / Futurist Interest Group Session ("CAS/FIGS2010"), an activity for which we earned her confidence.

Know that Susan lives on in the lives that she has touched, including our own. Inspired by her vision of vibrant chapters, FUTUREtakes will continue building on her proud legacy. We can do no less.

Dave Stein
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and
President, Center for Transcultural Foresight, Inc.