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Monthly Musings from the Peas
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We will be sending you our literature on a monthly basis and we will be updating our contact list. So, if you want to make any changes, additions or deletions, please contact us at whirledpeasband@gmail.com.

WEEKLY GIG

We are regulars at Catherine Rooney's in Trolley Square, Wilmington. From 7:30 until 10 we perform every Wednesday. For info or menu, directions and so on www.catheriner Rooney's.com

WEBSITE

We are please to present our new website. www.whirledpeasband.com Please check it out and let us know what you think. All our up-coming gigs, newsletters, merchandise and more is listed.

AN ERRONEOUS OBIT

LED WAY TO THE NOBLE PRIZES

In 1888, Ludvig Noble, brother of Alfred, died. A French newspaper published an obituary with the headline: "The merchant of death is dead." The article went on to say, "Dr. Alfred Noble, who became rich by finding more ways to kill more people faster than ever before, died yesterday." Dr. Noble was the inventor of dynamite.

Obviously, Dr. Noble was concerned and distraught with what he read and furthermore how he would be remembered. Years later when he signed his last will and testament he set aside the bulk of his estate to establish the Noble Prizes. It was his wish that his fortune was to be used to create a series of prizes for those who confer the "greatest benefit on mankind" in

physics, chemistry, peace, physiology or medicine and literature." In today's economy, the capital, used for the prizes, amounts to \$472 million.

Each recipient, or laureate, receives a gold medal, a diploma and a sum of money. As of 2012, it is \$1.2 million.

A few of the rules established throughout the years regarding the awarding of prizes are:

The prizes are not awarded posthumously. However, if a person dies before receiving it, the prize may be presented. The Nobel Committee confirmed that Mahatma Gandhi was nominated for the Peace Prize but his assassination precluded his receiving the Prize; a decision that the Committee regretted. The prize may not be shared among more than 3 people. They will be awarded without distinction to nationality. In 1968 an award was extended for work in the field of Economics. After this the Board decided that no further new prizes were to be added. All nomination records for a prize are sealed for 50 years from the awarding of the prize. A maximum of 3 laureates and 2 different works may be selected for award. All awards are given to individuals except the Peace Prize which may be given to an institution. If the Peace Prize is not awarded the money is split among the scientific prizes. This has happened 19 times.

Between 1901 and 2012, the Nobel Prizes and the Prize in Economic Sciences were awarded 553 times to 863 people and organizations. With some receiving the Nobel Prize more than once, this makes a total of 835 individuals and 21 organizations. Below, you can view the full list of Nobel Prizes and Nobel Laureates.

PEAS PONDERING

Anyway, this prize doesn't belong to me: it belongs to everyone who works towards human rights. Shirin Ebadi, for her significant and pioneering efforts for democracy and human rights, especially women's, children's, and refugee rights. She was the first ever Iranian to receive the prize.