

The Go-Back Club Board Members



Iona Conner, Co-Director Grassroots Coalition and founder of The Go-Back Club, Pennsylvania: Iona helped her husband, John Conner, start the non-profit Grassroots Coalition for Environmental and Economic Justice in 1990. She traveled extensively helping to promote their vision for a better, simpler world and a safer and healthier planet. For the past 10 years, Iona's focus has been on global warming. She published a monthly, broadsheet news-booklet for four years about climate change. In an effort to put out a strong powerful news message

that was not influenced by underlying corporate support, she started The Go-Back Club in September 2013. As a former nurse, teacher, air-pollution inspector and employee of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Hazardous Waste Division, she has an extensive background in ecology and health and has been living simply for decades and teaching others how to do so. The Go-Back Club is her strongest hope for making a difference in the future of our precious planet.



John Conner, Director Grassroots Coalition, Pennsylvania: John spent 16 years as a Jesuit and became a teacher in high schools in Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington and also at Scranton University. Ten years working in Baltimore's inner city, and overseeing implementation of projects funded by the federal government, gave him a deep understanding of poverty. During the Cold War era, he organized and facilitated exchanges between Americans and Soviet people to undermine hostility between the two governments with help from the U.S. State Department. Then in the 1990s, John organized programs including the organic-cotton, non-sweatshop campaign, sharing educational films and speaking in partnership with UNITE

(garment-workers union) and the National Labor Committee. In 2006, he switched his focus to climate change to inform people about its nature, causes and consequences, speaking at many churches, colleges and high schools to encourage them to take appropriate actions. He now prepares periodic Climate Change Reports. John has been Iona's husband for 24 years and is her role model for serious, intelligent, full-out devotion to their work on social and environmental justice issues.



Sunny War Eagle, Marianna, Florida: Sunny War Eagle is a founding member of The Go-Back Club, being the very first person to lend her wholehearted support to Iona's Go Back Club efforts. Sunny is a Pigwa Shawnee Native American who for nearly 25 years published a wonderful Earth-based newsletter that was written for inmates in the U. S. and their supporters overseas. Sunny has done much environmental outreach in her lifetime in an effort to bring a spiritual awareness and loving connection to the Earth.



Dr. Pyong Roh, Daegu, Korea: Pyong has a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Seoul National University, Korea, a Master of Public Health and a Ph.D. in Public Health from Seoul National University, Korea. He has been a Professor of Public Health at Daegu Haany University, a World Health Organization consultant at the Western Pacific Regional Office, an Epidemiologist for the 8th U. S. Army and later in Bergen County, New Jersey. Dr. Roh is our first overseas news correspondent and is actively involved in the Loving Mother Nature Foundation, an international environmental group based in Seoul. Pyong has been Iona's cheerleader since they first met at Rutgers University when both took an intensive course in Public Health and Environmental Law in 1985. He is Iona's "brother in the Universe" and is a citizen of the world who lives according to the Laws of Nature. His is a highly valued Board member.



Sandy Chilcote, Newfoundland, Canada: Sandy is Divisional Librarian for the Provincial Public Libraries of Newfoundland and Labrador. He worked with the Mennonite Central Committee to establish and fill a new library in Nigeria with books purchased through a grant. He was also the Consultant Librarian with United Mission to Nepal and did the translations and catalogued new collections at the Nursing School Library. Sandy travelled to various technical, medical and school libraries to arrange for books to be sent from U.S. churches, aid groups and individuals. He is active in puppetry and poetry, with several published poems and books. Sandy has been a constant supporter of both The Go-Back Club and Iona's previous news-booklet, *Earth News*. His long-term support and newsworthy article contributions are always welcomed.



Bill Boteler, Takoma Park, Maryland: Bill is a freelance writer, activist and nature lover. He works for the Earth Day Network blog and previously worked for the Natural Resources Council of America before they closed. One of Bill's most important and greatest concerns is the extinction of animal species. He has written several articles for Iona's previous news-booklet, *Earth News* and sends regular action alerts about endangered species and related issues. Inspired by Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia as a young boy, Bill's efforts have been focused on wildlife protection and extinction prevention throughout his adult life.



Michael Mann, State College, Pennsylvania: Dr. Michael E. Mann is Distinguished Professor of Meteorology at Penn State University Geosciences Department and the Earth and Environmental Systems Institute, where he is Director of the PSU Earth System Science Center. His research involves the use of theoretical models to better understand Earth's climate system. Dr. Mann has authored many journal publications and two books including *Dire Predictions: Understanding Global Warming* (with Lee Kump) in 2008 and *The Hockey Stick and the Climate Wars: Dispatches from the Front Lines* in 2012. He was a lead author on the *Observed Climate Variability and Change* chapter of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Third Scientific Assessment Report in 2001. He has received many honors and awards including selection by *Scientific American* as one of fifty leading visionaries in science and technology in 2002. He made Bloomberg News' list of fifty most influential people in 2013 and is a founder and avid contributor to RealClimate.org. His achievements are impressive and his inclusion on our Board appreciated.