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A public Forum on July 29, 2012 - about the ongoing nuclear crisis in Japan

(Sebastopol 6/12/12) On July 29, 2012, former Green Party Candidate for Congress, Dr. Carol Wolman, MD, will speak about the Fukushima nuclear disaster at the Sebastopol Grange, 6000 Sebastopol Ave on Highway 12. This public Forum starts at 7:00PM and is hosted by Fukushima Response, a group of concerned individuals working together to demand an international response to the dangers currently posed by the crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant in Japan.

In April of this year, US Senator Wyden (D- OR) returned from a tour of Fukushima and immediately began pushing for an [International Effort](#) to stabilize the situation in Fukushima. There have been numerous earthquakes and aftershocks in that region of Japan since the massive 9.0 quake provoked the disaster on March 11, 2011. Many are calling for an international response while we still have that option.

Dr. Wolman will discuss the unstable condition of [Unit 4](#), the implications for those of us living on the West Coast should it collapse, and take questions from the public. She will be joined by Dr. Yastel Yamada, a retired engineer from Japan who is currently on a tour the U.S. to promote an internationalization of the massive and urgent containment and cleanup work required at Fukushima.

Dr. Wolman is a psychiatrist who has been working for fifty years to raise awareness of the known health risks attached to nuclear power and depleted uranium in US weapons: "For two or three generations now, we have been living on the edge of eco-catastrophe, the possibility of ending all life on earth with a manmade nuclear winter."

Yastel Yamada represents the Skilled Veterans Corps for Fukushima, an organization composed of elderly Japanese who have the expertise to repair and maintain the reactors who feel that, since their lifespans are limited, they can handle the risk of cancer better than younger people and spend more time on site. So far, the Japanese government is refusing their assistance.

Dr. Wolman's concern with Fukushima began last year in March when earthquake, tsunami and multiple reactor explosions destroyed much of the nuclear plant. She now asks: "What can we do to empower ourselves and deal realistically with the ongoing threat posed by the Fukushima nuclear disaster?" Her first act was to launch a [petition](#) to Senators Boxer and Feinstein, calling on them to start an investigation into the dangers posed by these crippled reactors, especially Unit 4.

Many in Sonoma County are asking themselves the same question, but are less clear about what they can do. In addition to providing an overview of the crisis at Fukushima, Dr. Wolman will address the psychological barriers that interfere with effective action and will be suggesting ways to constructively respond.

"We have a choice," says Wolman. "We can deny the imminent threat posed by the damaged reactors, or we can unite and work together to demand that all possible measures be taken, as quickly as possible, to defuse the danger."

In organizing this Forum, Fukushima Response hopes to engage the public in an urgent [campaign](#) to mobilize our regional voice to demand that the United States initiate and contribute to an immediate international effort to stabilize Fukushima, starting with Unit 4.

Dr. Carol Wolman and Yastel Yamada will speak on July 29, 2012 at the Sebastopol Grange, 6000

Sebastopol Ave on Highway 12. Admission is free, donations requested.

Dr. Wolman is available for interviews, and can be reached at cwolman@gmail.com

To read Dr. Wolman's earlier article "'Nuclear Terror and Psychic Numbing" go to <http://www.counterpunch.org/2003/12/08/nuclear-terror-and-psychic-numbing/>

For more info on the Skilled Veterans Corps for Fukushima <http://svcf.jp/english>

Recent photos of Unit 4 <http://fukushima-diary.com/2012/06/reactor-4-lost-most-of-the-wall-on-sea-side>

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