

## WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM

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### *PORTLAND WILPF MOURNS LUCINDA TATE*

As she had for the past 14 months, Lucinda led our branch meeting on January 10, full of enthusiasm. This time, she was planning to attend the UN Conference on the Status of Women in NYC in March with fellow Portland WILPF member Brandy Robinson, to continue leading the national WILPF committee on Advancing Human Rights, to take part in the 2015 celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and to leaflet about human trafficking on the afternoon of the Super Bowl. No one could have anticipated that her life devoted to education, advocacy, and service to others would end just one week later, before she could do any of those things.

Lucinda died on January 17 at the age of 68. Brandy was the first to hear. She emailed some of us on the evening of the 20<sup>th</sup>, asking "Is this true?" One of us verified the news in a few minutes by searching the internet and finding the news flash from Oregon Food Bank, where Lucinda was a board member. Lucinda's daughter Jackie phoned Natasha Beck on the 21<sup>st</sup>, asking for help with her mother's WILPF files. Natasha spent time scouring the Internet for an obituary; eventually she found Lisa Loving's in the January 22 *Skanner* and sent a link to it to key local members. Carol Urner spread the news among other leaders of WILPF US, and on the 29<sup>th</sup> Barbara Drageaux received the formal announcement of a Lucinda L. Tate Human Rights Educational Fund established by the United States Section, WILPF US, Advancing Human Rights issues committee as a memorial tribute fund in honor of Lucinda.

We will publish WILPF-US' formal statement and guidelines for the Fund in a special edition of the newsletter dedicated to Lucinda and her role in Portland WILPF. Her memorial service will be held at St Andrew Catholic Church, 806 NE Alberta, on Saturday, February 28, at 2 pm.

### **NEWS from the JANUARY MEETING**

Brandy Robinson is preparing to spend March 7 to 15 in New York, at the UN conference of the Commission on the Status of Women. Carol Urner, now wintering in southern California, will represent WILPF US as a delegate to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Congress April 27 - 29 in The Hague. The Portland branch has begun planning a fall event at which both Brandy and Carol will speak about their reflections on participating in these historic gatherings.

The Portland branch has begun a project tentatively called "Cities for CEDAW," inspired by San Francisco's *CEDAW Ordinance* that integrates gender equity principles into the framework of local city and county governments. WILPF is partnering with World Beyond War (WBW) to confront pro-war ideologies and develop peaceful means of resolving conflict and achieving security. For its strategy and pledge, visit [www.worldbeyondwar.org](http://www.worldbeyondwar.org)

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**The next meeting of Portland WILPF will be on Saturday, February 14, from 1 to 3 pm in room B310, First Unitarian Church. Join us to discuss plans for actions in 2015, and come early for a brown bag lunch together. Deadlines: For March calendar, February 26; for March newsletter, February 22. Always send items for publication to [wilfpdx@gmail.com](mailto:wilfpdx@gmail.com) .**

## INCLUDING HAMAS IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

The Fall/Winter 2014 issue of the WILPF US magazine, *Peace & Freedom*, arrived in WILPF members' mailboxes in January. (By the way, if you haven't received a copy, your WILPF membership is not current. See page 3 for membership info.) The magazine can be read online at [wilpfus.org/documents/peace&freedom/2014-Peace&Freedom\\_fall-winter.pdf](http://wilpfus.org/documents/peace&freedom/2014-Peace&Freedom_fall-winter.pdf). In one of the articles, Barbara Taft, co-chair of the Middle East Committee, explains on page 24 why that committee has prepared a booklet entitled " Hamas at the Middle East Peace Table. Why?" Here, in her own words, is her explanation:

- As far as I know, no one has successfully reached a peace agreement by speaking only with friends. No, you must speak with your enemies if you expect to achieve peace.
- We noted that, in 2006, Hamas won Palestine's last election, described as "free and fair" by international observers.
- Our own research indicated that the [U.S. Government's] designation ["terrorist organization"] does not apply. There is an armed militant faction...loosely affiliated with Hamas which might be thus classified. But Hamas itself functions in many ways that prevent terrorism from occurring and acts more as a government than is widely believed in the US.
- Each side in the conflict has its own narrative, based on facts as well as perceptions. Unless everyone's narrative/perspective is heard, there is an incomplete picture and a tendency for one side to feel unheard. No satisfactory solution can be found when this situation exists.
- We remained certain that our readers, especially US government officials, needed to hear the missing perspective on the possibility of Middle East peace. We also felt that the US has such an important role in the region, and in the peace negotiations, that changing the status of Hamas in the eyes of the US government would be necessary to move the peace process forward.
- It may be difficult, but getting all parties to the peace table is an important first step. If the US removes Hamas from its list of terrorist organizations, it can lead to Hamas' presence at these talks. When Palestinians feel their perspective is being heard, it can go a long way toward the goal of peace.

## JANE ADDAMS and WORLD WAR 1

Ann Fleischli of Wisconsin tells this part of Jane Addams' story on pages 4-5 of the same *Peace & Freedom* issue. Here are the steps Jane took that led to WILPF:

- December 1914: Britain and Germany were already engaged in an arms race. At Addams' invitation, a thousand people arrived at Hull House to form the Chicago Emergency Federation (CEF). They called for a conference of neutral nations to be convened by US president Woodrow Wilson, based on the Hague Conventions of 1907 in effect since 1910.
- January 1915: Together with Carrie Chapman Catt, Addams called for a national meeting of delegates from women's organizations. On Jan. 10, thousands came to Washington DC to watch the 70 delegates create the Women's Peace Party (WPP) and elect Addams their president. She was now president of two US peace organizations, the CEF and the WPP.
- Late April 1915: Urged by women from Belgium, Germany, Britain, and the Netherlands to bring a US delegation to The Hague for a peace conference, she brought 47 delegates with her to join the three-day conference of 1,100 delegates from 13 countries. The conference, which Addams chaired, began on April 28. It called itself the International Committee of Women for Permanent Peace. Its platform resembled that of the WPP.

Addams left Europe still believing an unofficial mediation conference might work. But after the US joined the war in 1917, she was harshly criticized for her pacifism, and her writings were branded as unpatriotic. In 1919 the International Committee of Women for Permanent Peace was renamed "Women's International League for Peace and Freedom."

## MORE THOUGHT-PROVOKING PAGES IN *PEACE & FREEDOM*

Use the link at the top of page 2 to find any of these writings:

- Reflections from 20<sup>th</sup> century WILPF leaders **Libby Frank**, who initiated the Middle East Committee; **Edith Bell**, who promoted the play "Most Dangerous Women"; and **Carol Urner**, who believes "the time to achieve WILPF's original goal has come." (pages 8-9)
- Ethnic cleansing in Detroit, US style, described by **Dr Gloria House**, keynote speaker at the Triennial Congress in August (pp.12-13); **WILPF resolutions** made in Detroit, including the human right to water (pp.14-16).
- US militarization comes home: **Helen Jacquard** on how police militarization has affected life in the USA (pp.6-7, 23);
- WILPF and a World Beyond War: **Leah Bolger** (Corvallis branch) and David Swanson introduce this new international initiative which WILPF US has endorsed (p.25).

### JOIN or RENEW YOUR NATIONAL WILPF MEMBERSHIP, and/or SUPPORT PORTLAND BRANCH

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Membership includes International, US Section, and Portland Branch (including emailed branch newsletter)

National membership annual dues, sliding scale, \$15 to \$150: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-dues contribution to support Portland WILPF activities, including emailed branch newsletter: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extra contribution if you want to receive a **hard copy** newsletter: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail form & check, payable to WILPF, to Portland WILPF, 1034 SW 13th Ave, Portland 97205-1702**

FYI: When you send your membership renewal – see options below – the entire dues amount goes to WILPF National; they send our branch just \$2 per member. It is only your non-dues contributions directly to our branch that support all our local work.

### How to keep your WILPF membership current

Being a WILPF member means joining the national organization. WILPF-US has sent out two members-only mailings in the past few weeks: the Fall/Winter 2014 issue of WILPF's national magazine, ***Peace and Freedom***; and the ballot for WILPF Board Members and a Bylaws Amendment. If you didn't receive those mailings, your WILPF membership is not current. The ballot sheet includes a "Contribution/Dues Slip" at the bottom of the page. You can use it to pay your membership dues and send them in the envelope with your ballot.

**For many of us, the easiest way to join, renew or rejoin is online at [wilpfus.org](http://wilpfus.org).** But if you don't do financial transactions on the internet, then send your membership dues check directly to WILPF, 11 Arlington Street Boston, MA 02116. Or you can complete and mail the form above, enclose your dues, and mail it to our Portland office. We will forward your membership dues and info to the national organization. If you do send any membership dues check to us (Portland WILPF), be sure to indicate on the form above – and on the check's memo line – how much of it you want us to forward to National, and how much you want the Portland branch to keep.

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## February 2015 Portland WILPF Calendar

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### VIGILS HELD REGULARLY

- \* **Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm** East end of Burnside Bridge (NE MLK Jr Blvd @ Couch Burnside) **Peace & Social Justice Visibility Action** (ongoing since March 2014)
- \* **Wednesdays, 6:30 pm** SW 5th & Hall, Beaverton. **Washington County Peace Vigil** (ongoing since 2005)
- \* **Fridays, 12:15 to 12:45 pm** SW 10th & Madison, near Art Museum. **Women in Black** (silent vigil for peace)
- \* **Fridays, 5 to 6 pm** Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW corner. **Portland Peaceful Response Coalition** (ongoing since 2001)
- \* **Saturdays, 11 to noon** Corner of NE 13<sup>th</sup> & Multnomah, across from Holladay Park. **Lloyd Center Vigil** (ongoing since 2004)
- \* **Saturdays, noon to 1 pm** McLoughlin and Oak Grove Blvds., Milwaukie. **Oak Grove Peace Vigil** (ongoing since 2006)

### EVENTS (free unless noted)

[see [www.Trimet.org](http://www.Trimet.org) to find public transportation to all these locations]

#### **Sunday 1 to Saturday 28 February: Oregon Society of Artists Exhibit**

Concordia University, George R. White Library Lobby, 2900 NE Liberty St. For library hours, go to [www.cu-portland.edu/events](http://www.cu-portland.edu/events) or call 503-288-9371. "Meet the artists" reception on February 1, 2015, 2-4 pm.

#### **Tuesday 10 February, 6 pm: Film screening, "The Great Debaters," with Forest Whitaker and directed by Denzel Washington**

North Portland Neighborhood Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St. Part of Jefferson High School's annual Multicultural Film Festival, this film is a reenactment (though directorially enhanced) of the Wiley College debate team's win over the University of Southern California in a 1935 exhibition debate. Wiley College in Marshall, Texas, is one of the first historically black colleges west of the Mississippi, and the small college's victory served as a profound example that skin color is not a determinant of intelligence or abilities. Post-film discussion; family-friendly and free. See the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wKSu5PIE3Ms>.

#### **Wednesday 11 February, 11 am to 1 pm: Health Care for All Oregon Rally at the Capitol in Salem**

Join HCAO on the Capitol steps, telling Oregon Legislators that we want health care for all people; Program includes great music and inspiring speakers. Register and get more info about various bus and carpool options at [www.HcaoRally.net](http://www.HcaoRally.net). You can also join a group to meet with legislators. Buy bus tickets (\$16.37 each) at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bus-rides-to-rally-on-capitol-steps-tickets-14302261449>

#### **Thursday 12 February, 4:30 to 6:30 pm: My Brother's Keeper - A Call for Change**

PPS Board Auditorium, 501 N. Dixon St. Panel discussion with PPS Black male administrators. An effort to empower boys and young men of color, who too often face disproportionate obstacles to success. <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/news/10295.htm>

#### **Saturday 14 February 11 am to 1 pm; Vets for Peace Brunch with Christian Appy**

Architectural Heritage Center, 701 SE Grand Ave. The U Mass Amherst historian and author's newest book, *American Reckoning: the Vietnam War and Our National Identity*, will be published February 5th. Sponsored by Veterans for Peace; tickets \$14 - \$20, available at: <http://vfpbrunch.brownpapertickets.com/>. Appy will also appear at Powell's City of Books on Burnside, 7:30 pm on Friday, February 13; see [www.christianappy.com](http://www.christianappy.com).

### **Saturday 14 February, 1-3 pm: WILPF Portland Branch Monthly Business Meeting**

First Unitarian Church, SW 12<sup>th</sup> Ave & Salmon, Room B310. All present and prospective members are urged to attend this meeting. We will be re-organizing after losing our convener Lucinda Tate, who died unexpectedly on January 17 at age 68 (see Feb 28 for memorial service). This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year for WILPF. Rise to the challenge, and help us move peace and freedom forward locally, nationally, and internationally! Bring your lunch and come early at noon.

### **Tuesday 17 February, 7:15 am: Annual Faith Labor Breakfast**

St Andrew Church, 806 NE Alberta. Topic: Wage Theft: Robbing Workers and our Communities. Wage theft is reaching epidemic proportions. Come find out how it affects workers in Oregon and what you can do to help. <http://www.jwjpdx.org/faith-labor-breakfast-2015>. \$15/person; no one turned away for lack of funds.

### **Tuesday 17 February, 7 to 9 pm: Hanford Hazards: Cleaning Up Nuclear Waste**

Empirical Theater, OMSI, 1945 SE Water St; doors open at 5 pm. Two speakers from Oregon's Department of Energy: Ken Niles, who manages Oregon's involvement in cleanup at the Hanford Nuclear Site, as well as safe transport of radioactive materials through Oregon and emergency preparedness in the event of a nuclear accident; Dick Dunning, who provides expert technical reviews of Hanford cleanup proposals and activities. Suggested donation \$5.

### **Tuesday 24 February, 6:30 to 8:30 pm: Unjust Treatment: The Portland Police Killing of James Chasse**

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, North Operating Center, 20665 SW Blanton St in Aloha (south of TV Highway near SW 209<sup>th</sup> Ave). Screening of a documentary, "Alien Boy: The Life and Death of James Chasse," that chronicles one man's struggle with schizophrenia and examines the actions of the police officers responsible for his death. Sponsored by Washington County ReEntry and Mental Health Action Team; discussion to be led by James' father, Jim. Free and open to the public. See <http://www.alienboy.org/> for info about the film.

### **Tuesday, 24 February, 6:30 to 9:30 pm: Indigeneity and the Cross-Movement Relevance of Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS)**

PSU, Smith Memorial Student Union, Ballroom (Rm 355). Panel members are Omar Barghouti, an esteemed Palestinian intellectual and activist and a cofounder of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement; Kanahus Manuel, a mother and warrior from the Secwepemc Nation in BC, active in fighting against mining and corporate development projects; Cecilie Surasky, the Deputy Director of Jewish Voice for Peace and a longtime grassroots activist in the LGBT and migrant farm worker movements; and Dr. Michael Yellow Bird, citizen of the Three Affiliated Tribes, (Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara), Professor of Sociology and Director of Indigenous Tribal Studies at North Dakota State University, whose work focuses on Indigenous Peoples' health, leadership, and cultural rights; the effects of colonization and methods of decolonization. Panel 6:30-8:30, Talk-back/breakout groups 8:30-9:30. Free childcare if requested by email ASAP to [super.info.pdx@gmail.com](mailto:super.info.pdx@gmail.com), with subject: "Childcare Feb 24".

### **Tuesday 24 February, 7:30 pm: Palestine Speaks: Narratives of Life under Occupation**

Powell's City of Books, W Burnside at 10<sup>th</sup>. Editors Cate Malek and Mateo Hoke spent four years conducting dozens of interviews with people in the West Bank and Gaza about life in the occupied territories. In this oral history collection, these men and women— including a fisherman, a settlement administrator, and a marathon runner — describe in their own words how their lives have been shaped by the historic crisis. Hoke will be on-hand to read from and discuss the oral history collection. Casey Jarman, former editor at *The Believer*, will join Hoke for a Q&A.

**Wednesday 25 February, 4:30 to 6:30 pm: Film, "If These Halls Could Talk II"**

PPS Board Auditorium, 501 N. Dixon St. Director Lee Mun Wah brought together 11 college students of color to discuss their experiences as minority students on campuses across the country. The students shared the frustration and anguish of trying to be understood and acknowledged when the faculty and students are predominantly white. Followed by a conversation with Lee Mun Wah. <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/news/10295.htm>

**Saturday 28 February, 8 am to 5 pm: 2015 Community Summit, "In It Together"**

Ambridge Center, 1333 NE MLK Jr Blvd. Join neighbors, friends and activists, community and neighborhood groups working together to impact public policy, strengthen relations and build capacity. Organized by the City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement. Free; pre-registration is necessary only for the free lunch. For information, including schedule and how to register, see <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/65899>. For ADA accommodations & language interpretation requests call 503-823-2036 no later than Friday Feb 20.

**Saturday 28 February, 2 pm: Lucinda Tate Memorial Service**

St Andrew Catholic Church, 806 NE Alberta Street.

**Saturday/Sunday 28 February/1 March, 6 am PST: Live Streaming of Symposium, "The Dynamics of Possible Human Extinction"**

Sponsored by Helen Caldicott Foundation, this symposium takes place at the New York Academy of Medicine. Visit <http://helencaldicottfoundation.org/symposium-the-dynamics-of-possible-nuclear-extinction-l-february-28-march-1-2015-at-the-new-york-academy-of-medicine/> for speakers, topics, and a link to the live streaming of all speeches (to be heard from 6 am to 1:45 pm PST on Sat., 6 am to 2:30 pm PST on Sunday). Sunday's moderator is Ray Acheson of WILPF's "Reaching Critical Will" project: <http://reachingcriticalwill.org/>.

**Sunday 8 March, 4 to 6 pm: International Women's Day Poetry Reading**

Taborspace, 5441 SE Belmont St. Ellen Goldberg is organizing this event to initiate the new Soapstone program of grants (see <http://www.soapstone.org/index.html>), "Events Celebrating Women Writers." Free and open to the public. To submit your feminist poems, contact Ellen through [info@29thStreetWriters.com](mailto:info@29thStreetWriters.com).

**Tuesday 10 March, 6 pm: Film, "The Koch Brothers Exposed: 2014 Edition"**

North Portland Neighborhood Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St. Part of Jefferson High School's annual Multicultural Film Festival, this film covers where Koch brothers' money is going, who it's hurting, and how much they were making during the process leading up to the 2014 Elections. Info at <http://www.bravenewfilms.org/koch2014>. Free; post-film discussion.

**Thursday 19 March, 4 to 6 pm: Visibility Action, "End the Re-Invasion of Iraq—12 Years Later"**

Intersection of NE Couch & MLK Jr Blvd, near east end of Burnside Bridge. Led by Peace & Justice Works' Iraq Affinity Group (IAG), whose "Tower of Peace" will remind motorists, cyclists and pedestrians heading in three directions about the ongoing effects of US policies in Iraq. The event will also draw attention to the US bombing of Syria and to the similarity of the alleged withdrawal from Iraq in 2011 to the "end of combat operations" in Afghanistan last December. Co-sponsored by **Portland WILPF**.

**Tuesday, 13 October, 7:30 pm, The Nation Live! John Nichols, Naomi Klein, and Other Writers from The Nation Magazine**

Newmark Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway at Madison St. Writers for The Nation Magazine on a national tour. Other speakers include The Nation's editor and publisher, Katrina vanden Heuvel, Walter Mosley, Ursula Le Guin, Sherman Alexie, Dave Zirin & Zoe Carpenter. Tickets \$15 to \$65, now on sale at <http://www.portland5.com/newmark-theatre/events/nation-live>.