

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM

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**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
100 YEARS OF WORKING FOR PEACE**

Reception to Meet Mary Hanson Harrison

WILPF U.S. Section President

7-9 pm, Friday 25 September 2015

at the home of Sara and Bill Tattam, 4602 SW 55th Place, Portland (Raleigh Hills)

Directions: West on SW Beaverton Hillsdale Highway to 56th Avenue (signal just west of Albertson's/Rite-Aid), north on 56th, curve right as 56th becomes Seymour Street, left on 55th Place

Refreshments – Please RSVP 503.297.4338

Accepting donations to WILPF Portland

100th Anniversary Celebration

1-4 pm, Saturday 26 September 2015

**Prelude 11:30 am at Walk of the Heroines, SW Hall at 10th on PSU Campus
followed by a Joyous Parade through the Park Blocks to the Program at
First Unitarian Church, Buchan Reception Area, SW 12th & Salmon**

Friends and Family Members Welcome

**Historical Displays . Music by Beyond Little Boxes & Raging Grannies . Refreshments
Visit with Longtime WILPFers . Share WILPF Memories . Meet New Members
Recording Booth . Learn about Grace DeGraff, WILPF Portland's First Member**

[more details on page 2]

The next business meeting of WILPF Portland will be on Saturday, September 12, in room B310 of First Unitarian Church. Brown bag lunch from noon to 1 pm for those who can come early, business meeting 1 to 3. Deadlines: For the October newsletter, Tuesday, September 22; for the October calendar, Tuesday, September 29. Send all items for publication to wilfpdx@gmail.com.

OUR CELEBRATION BEGINS WITH A JOYOUS PARADE!

PLEASE join us and kick off our 100 Year Anniversary Celebration by participating in our parade! We will gather at **11:30 a.m.** at the **Walk of the Heroines**.

The Walk of the Heroines is located on the PSU campus east of Hoffman Hall, and north of the Stott Athletic Center (930 SW Hall at 10th) and the athletic field. We recommend parking near First Unitarian Church and walk or ride the Streetcar to PSU.

We will take time to browse the site, read quotations on the walkway and learn about the kiosk. We will hear quotations from WILPF members, past and present, read aloud from inscriptions on the wall that honor these courageous women and their work for peace.

Shortly after noon, we will begin our parade down to the celebration at First Unitarian. For those not wishing to participate in the parade, there will be transportation back to the church.

PLEASE JOIN US...!! This joyous parade will be complete with a WILPF banner, fluttering doves, music, bubbles, a snack, and many marchers. We will march down through the South Park Blocks, stop briefly at the PEACE PLAZA at SW Columbia, then go on to First Unitarian Church for the afternoon program.

Questions or concerns? Please call Jean Fitzgerald, 503-235-3654 or 503-484-8206

HERE'S THE PROGRAM FOR THE CELEBRATION

Guests and marchers will be arriving around 1 pm at First Unitarian's Buchan Reception Area. At 1:15 the musical group Beyond Little Boxes will begin performing while everyone finds seats. Mary Rose, MC, will welcome all guests, Karen James will tell us about Kenton School principal Grace DeGraff, who joined Jane Addams' delegation of 47 American women at The Hague in 1915 and returned to found our Portland WILPF branch. Barbara Drageaux will talk about the beginnings of WILPF Portland, Carol Urner will bring us up to date on our branch since 1960, and we will recognize Eleanor Davis, who was branch president in 1962. Brandy Robinson will remember Lucinda Tate, our recent convener, who died last January.

Audience members will be invited to comment on Portland branch history and share their experiences. There will be time for food, browsing, and socializing.

Our national WILPF President, **Mary Hanson Harrison**, will speak on "The Power of Solidarity: Imagine That!" She will be drawing inspiration from both Jane Addams and contemporary feminist theorist Chandra Talpade Mohanty, author of Feminism Without Borders.

Brief reports will be given on current WILPF Portland activities. Brandy Robinson is leading efforts to implement the principles of CEDAW (Convention on Eliminating All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) on the municipal level in Portland. Carol Urner will tell us what's being done nationally and internationally toward abolition of nuclear weapons. Barbara Drageaux has prepared displays on both topics.

The Raging Grannies will cap off our program with imagination and gusto.

Volunteers are invited to come to the next event planning meeting at 10 am on Saturday 5 September, room B310 at First Unitarian.

CONGRESS VOTES ON IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL BY SEPTEMBER 17

Juan Cole, prominent blogger (<http://www.juancole.com/weblog>) on the Middle East, was asked by Amitabh Pal in an interview for *The Progressive*, "What's your reaction to the Iran nuclear agreement and the GOP's response?" Cole replied, "The Iran deal is a breakthrough in nonproliferation and in diplomatic solutions to conflict. It will end debilitating sanctions on Iran that have imposed genuine hardship on ordinary people. It is not clear whether the American right, openly eager for a war instead, can derail it in Washington. But that is sort of irrelevant, since the rest of the world will likely ignore any continued U.S. sanctions and eagerly seek business deals in Tehran." (*The Progressive*, September 2015, page 38)

Senator Jeff Merkley, Representative Peter DeFazio, and Rep. Earl Blumenauer have said they intend to vote in favor of the Iran deal. No decision on this vote has been announced by Sen. Ron Wyden, Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (District 1), Rep. Kurt Schrader (Dist. 5), or Rep. Greg Walden (Dist. 2). Lawmakers need to hear from their constituents who support diplomacy. <http://www.commondreams.org/views/2015/08/05/supporters-diplomacy-over-war-must-speak>

To learn about the role played by women in the negotiations for the Iran nuclear deal, visit <http://www.politico.eu/article/the-women-behind-the-nuclear-deal/>. For information on WILPF's activity toward ensuring that women have a place at the decision-making table in the US, see <http://wilpf.org/demand-womens-voices-sign-the-petition-now/>

"WE WILL NOT OBEY" CAMPAIGN FOR TPP-FREE ZONES

(from WILPF-US e-ALERT received August 17)

The TPP (Trans Pacific Partnership) negotiations have stalled, but Trade Promotion Authority (TPA, or "fast-track") has been granted by Congress. We must continue working to defeat the TPP, one of the "trifecta" of agreements for which Obama wanted "fast-track."

The other two agreements are: TTIP—the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between the 28 countries of the EU and the US, and TiSA—the Trade in Services Agreement—also being negotiated in secret among 50 specially invited countries. TiSA will cover 90% of services and lead to extensive privatization of those that remain in public hands.

Four WILPF-US issue committees (Advancing Human Rights, Corporations v. Democracy, Disarm/End Wars, and Earth Democracy) are joining with Alliance for Democracy (AfD) in a campaign to establish 100 TPP-free zones by December 1. Nancy Price, co-chair of Earth Democracy, is also co-chair of AfD (www.thealliancefordemocracy.org). She writes,

"These three trade agreements will make it impossible for WILPF Branches and members in collaboration with other grassroots groups to work together for local grassroots community solutions. Read [here](#) how these agreements will impact many aspects of community life: local democracy, economy, climate, jobs, city planning and zoning, and local human rights. Don't forget that the TPP means more exports of dirty energy, more air and sea transports of imported goods, and thus more global warming and extreme weather leading to the loss of lives and property and to conflict and movement of people seeking better lives."

Already 10 cities and 2 counties have passed resolutions declaring their jurisdictions to be TPP-free zones which will not comply with TPP, TTIP, and TiSA. To find a map of these zones, along with model municipal resolutions and TPP-free zone ordinances, go to the AfD website <http://www.thealliancefordemocracy.org/index.html>. Suggestions about how to organize locally for such action can be found in the WILPF-US e-Alert of August 17 or by emailing nancyprice39@gmail.com. If working on this inspires you, please come to our next business meeting (see bottom of page 1), and/or join in the twice-weekly vigils (see top of calendar).

LINKS YOU MAY WANT TO EXPLORE

(from Natasha Beck)

<http://growinguu.blogs.uua.org/numerical-indicators/uncategorized/for-white-activists-devastated-and-feeling-defeated-by-racist-violence/> "Chris Crass has a guide for fellow white anti-racism activists who are overwhelmed by recent stories about racist violence."

https://www.activist-trauma.net/assets/files/burnout_flyer_rightway.pdf . "Burnout is a political and movement issue. Every year committed activists suffer and drop out of our community because they have burnt out."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nHsHhj329T4> Laura Flanders interviews Cornel West.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/2iAHrgirE7I?autoplay=1&FORM=VIRE2&MID=2500&PC=A PPL> View Cornel West's invited address to the UUA General Assembly in Portland on June 27.

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/jul/24/judge-bans-father-daughters-nigeria-female-genital-mutilation> The UK now has a FGM protection order outlawing the practice.

<http://www.theskanner.com/news/northwest/23089-woman-challenges-portland-to-support-black-restaurants#.VdyaBvH60Es.facebook> "Spending money with Black entrepreneurs is one of the most powerful ways to make a 'statement.'"

<https://youtu.be/2CI9FIMeeo>: Race Talks June 14, "Marijuana's Legal; Now What Happens?"

<https://youtu.be/YY382hevL5A>: Race Talks August 11, "Racism and Health"

SUPPORT YOUR PORTLAND WILPF BRANCH

Being a WILPF member means joining the national organization. If you haven't received recent mailings from WILPF US (through the Spring/Summer 2015 issue of *Peace and Freedom*, the national magazine), your WILPF membership is probably not current.

To join, renew or rejoin: For many of us the quickest, easiest way is online at www.wilpfus.org. But, if you don't do financial transactions on the internet, **please send your membership dues check directly to WILPF Membership, 11 Arlington Street Boston, MA 02116.** Please indicate new or renewal. Dues are on a sliding scale, \$15 to \$150 per year. Membership automatically includes International, US Section, and local Branch.

The form below is not for membership dues; it is for non-dues support for our Portland Branch. It is only these non-dues contributions directly to our branch that support all of our local work. When you send your membership dues to WILPF-US, the entire dues amount – except \$2/year – stays with the national organization. They send our branch \$2 per paid member per year.

Name: _____ New Supporter: Already a Supporter:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Non-dues contribution to support WILPF Portland's activities: \$ _____

Extra contribution if you want to receive *hard copy* newsletters, rather than email (\$10 suggested): \$ _____

TOTAL Enclosed: \$ _____

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

September 2015 WILPF Portland Calendar

VIGILS HELD REGULARLY

- * **Tuesdays & Fridays, 2-4 pm** East end of Burnside Bridge **Alliance for Democracy** opposing TransPacific Partnership and other corporate trade agreements
- * **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** The **Women in Black** silent vigil **has been discontinued**.
- * **Fridays, 5 to 6 pm** Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW corner. **Portland Peaceful Response Coalition** (ongoing since 2001)
- * **Saturdays, 11 to noon** Corner of NE 13th & 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 to find public transportation to all these locations]

Thursday 3 September, 5:30 to 8 pm: Sundown Concert at Ecotrust

Ecotrust's Natural Capital Center, 721 NW 9th Avenue. Tonight's theme: Food. Music by Horse Feathers and School of Rock. See <http://www.ecotrust.org/project/sundown/>.

Friday 11 September, 7 to 9:30 pm: Film Screening and Discussion

5th Avenue Cinema, 510 SW Hall. Sponsored by PCASC (Portland Central America Solidarity Committee). Two 30-minute documentaries that focus on indigenous Mapuche land reclamation and language revitalization in Chile, as well as a discussion with the filmmaker (and PCASC member) about the specific laws that have been used to target the Mapuche people since Pinochet's dictatorship began on September 11th, 1973. Non-students \$4.

Saturday 12 September, 7 pm: Kshama Sawant Speaks in Portland

First Congregational Church, 1126 SW Park Avenue at Madison St. Seattle City Council member Kshama Sawant has led the opposition to the corporate agenda in the Pacific NW. Her appearance is sponsored by Kshama Sawant Re-election Campaign and endorsed by Socialist Alternative, 15 Now PDX, and Nick Caleb for Portland City Council. She refuses all corporate donations.

Sunday 13 September, 2 to 3:30 pm: Steve McQuiddy, "Pacifism in World War II and Beyond"

Oregon Historical Society Madison Room, 1200 SW Park Avenue at Madison St. The Civilian Public Service (CPS) Camp #56 at Waldport, OR, was one of 152 CPS camps for conscientious objectors doing soil conservation, fire-fighting, and other alternatives to military service 1940-1947. Camp Angel included artists and writers who created a Fine Arts School in 1943-44 and later participated in the social and cultural revolutions of the 1950s and 1960s. WWII veteran Will Pool and other members of Portland Veterans for Peace will be present to answer questions. Also see <http://www.ohs.org/exhibits/current/>. No charge to Multnomah County residents.

Thursday 17 September, 8 to 10 pm: Michael Milligan Performs "Mercy Killers"

Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 NE Alberta Street. Health Care for All Oregon (HCAO) brings Milligan to Oregon to perform his one-man play. Joe is a blue collar mechanic with a red state perspective. "Mercy Killers" is his emotional journey as he fights for his wife's life using every resource, personal and otherwise, he can muster. Tickets: \$20 at door, \$15 online; buy at <http://www.albertarosetheatre.com/?Page=https%3A%2F%2Fpublic.ticketbiscuit.com%2FAlbertaRoseTheatre%2FEvents%2F239331> Benefit for HCAO.

Monday 21 September, 3 to 6 pm: Portland People's Climate March

Waterfront Park. Gathering and music begin at 3 pm just south of the Hawthorne Bridge. Rally starts shortly thereafter, followed by a march that returns to the starting point at 6 pm.

Wednesday 23 September, 5 to 6 pm: Rally—Anniversary of First US Bombing of Syria

East end of Hawthorne Bridge at Grand Avenue. Visibility action with Tower of Peace, Peace & Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group (IAG).

*****Saturday 26 September, Noon to 3 pm: Celebrate 100 Years of Peace Activism with Portland WILPF*****

Noon gathering at PSU Walk of the Heroines, SW Harrison @ 11th Ave, then walk or carpool to 1 pm program at First Unitarian Church, SW 12th Ave & Salmon. Keynote speaker Mary Hanson Harrison, president of national WILPF US. Portland WILPF member Carol Urner, US delegate to the WILPF International Congress held in The Hague last April, will be honored for her leadership in action toward disarmament, nuclear abolition, and ending war. Food, music, visual displays, branch history.

Wednesday 30 September & Thursday 1 October, 7 pm: Film, "Gaining Ground"

Cinema 21, 616 NW 21st Avenue. Portland premiere of a new documentary film by Elaine Velazquez and Barbara Bernstein. It gives an intimate view of rural and urban farmers embracing the challenge of industrial agriculture, the destruction of local communities, and the threat of genetically modified food. Followed by Q&A with the filmmakers and people featured in the film. <http://www.mediaprojectonline.org/gaining-ground/> Ticket information at www.cinema21.com. \$7 - \$10 sliding scale.

Saturday 3 October to Saturday 10 October: Keep Space for Peace Week

This International Week of Protest to Stop the Militarization of Space is sponsored annually by Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space (www.space4peace.org) and WILPF. This year's theme is "Cyberwar: The Next Round of the Arms War." Events to be held during this week will be listed online during September. Visit the Global Network website to learn how deterrence and missile defense strategies are being replaced by Global Strike capability.

Sunday 11 October, 1 pm: Rally—Call Out for Justice: End the Wars

Location TBA. Sponsored by Peace & Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group, Portland Jobs with Justice, Living Earth. For progress in planning this event, see www.pjw.info.

Monday 12 October, 6:30 pm: Joe Uehlein, "An Evening of Music and Dialog with Labor Activists on Climate and Jobs Crises"

AFL-CIO Hall, 3645 SE 32nd Avenue. Joe is Founding President and Executive Director of the Labor Network for Sustainability. He is also a musician and band leader, a 40-year member of the American Federation of Musicians (AFM), and co-founder of the Labor Heritage Foundation (LHF), a working class arts organization. Sponsored by Climate Jobs PDX (see www.climatejobspdx.weebly.com). Ticket info tba.

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 van den Heuvel, Walter Mosley, Ursula Le Guin, Sherman Alexie, Dave Zirin & Zoe Carpenter. Tickets \$15 to \$65 plus service charge, <http://www.portland5.com/newmark-theatre/events/nation-live>.