

## WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM

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### REPORT ON THE OCTOBER WILPF MEETING

Nine members attended the branch meeting on the early afternoon of October 19. With much enthusiastic discussion, the following actions were taken:

**November newsletter: For every recipient whose U.S. mail address we have, we will send this month's issue by U.S. mail.** [Note: If you receive only this email copy, and no hard copy, we do not have a U.S. mail address for you. Please email us your name and mailing address.] Since Fall 2012, when we began sending newsletters by email, we have received very few membership payments or donations by members. Therefore, this month's newsletter will be mailed, where possible, and will include both a donation request and a self-addressed return envelope. (We used to do this every year in March.)

**Actions in support of steps toward elimination of nuclear weapons.** Portland WILPF will join with Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) in the effort to get the City of Portland on board with the US Conference of Mayors' nuclear disarmament resolutions which call for halting all spending on nuclear weapons modernization and completion of a nuclear weapons convention by 2020. We will invite Jackie Cabasso, staff member at International Mayors for Peace, to come early next year to help in organizing our effort.

Carol Urner has found that Rep. Earl Blumenauer is eager to win support in Congress for HR 1506, the SANE Act (Smarter Approach to Nuclear Expenditures Act). (See p. 3 in our October newsletter for more details and a link.) WILPF will help Blumenauer organize a January forum on nuclear weapons and the SANE Act, in cooperation with PSR and other groups.

These commitments for early 2014 will dominate the agenda for our November 16 business meeting and may require December meeting as well. Keep your calendars open for 1 pm on Saturday, December 14.

**Celebration of Veterans Day, formerly called Armistice Day.** WILPF members will join VFP (Veterans for Peace) in celebrating November 11 as Armistice Day by meeting at 11 am on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month at Pioneer Courthouse Square with flags and colorful banners. Armistice ended World War I, the war to end all wars. We urge peace builders to recall that the Kellogg-Briand Pact, also called the General Treaty for the Renunciation of War, has been on the books of US and international law since its ratification July 24, 1929. Go to [http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th\\_century/kbpact.asp](http://avalon.law.yale.edu/20th_century/kbpact.asp) for more details.

**Feedback from Portland WILPF members.** The increased attendance and lively discussion at this early afternoon branch meeting indicates that we should continue scheduling business meetings at this time on Saturdays, at least through the winter months.

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**The next business meeting of Portland WILPF will be Saturday, November 16, from 1 to 3 pm (brown bag lunch at noon) at the First Unitarian Church, SW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Salmon, room B-310. Enter through breezeway mid-block between Salmon & Main, (building unlocked 11:45—12:15 and 12:45—1:15). Submit articles for the next newsletter to [wilfpdx@gmail.com](mailto:wilfpdx@gmail.com) by November 22, calendar items by**

**November 25. All material may be edited for clarity, style, and space considerations.**

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## **SIGN PETITIONS ON DRONES AND ON FUKUSHIMA THREAT**

WILPF US urges signing a petition by November 5 for global aid in resolving the Fukushima disaster: <http://www.popularresistance.org/fukushima-a-global-solution-to-a-global-threat/>.

A petition to Senator Ron Wyden, "Bring the Drone War Out of the Shadows," is being circulated now for signing on line. Started by Portland Code Pink member Trudy Cooper, find it at [http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/sen-wyden-bring-the-drone?source=c.url&r\\_by=1135580](http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/sen-wyden-bring-the-drone?source=c.url&r_by=1135580).

Learn about the rising concern over drones at <http://www.zcommunications.org/a-new-kind-of-war-is-being-legalized-by-david-swanson> and get the facts about civilian victims of "targeted killings" by US drones at <http://www.commondreams.org/view/2013/10/23-1>. At <http://www.commondreams.org/view/2013/10/23-4>, Medea Benjamin reveals that "\$40 million allocated for drone victims never reaches them."

## **BOOKS CHOSEN THIS YEAR AS GIFTS TO SCHOOL CHILDREN**

*by Jane Morgan*

Before the winter break, librarians at five local elementary schools will receive a set of five books that promote the cause of peace, social justice, and equality. All five schools (Arleta; Martin Luther King Jr, Vancouver; Ockley Green; Sabin; and Woodlawn) have a high percentage of students of color and low income families. Each year, Portland WILPF donates such sets of books after the Jane Addams Children's Book Award (JACBA) winners are announced, then arranges visits to each school, where students talk about the books with us.

The books to be donated this year are four JACBA winners: Each Kindness (Jacqueline Woodson), We've Got a Job (Cynthia Levinson), Dolores Huerta: A Hero to Migrant Workers (Sara Warren), and We March (Shane W. Evans); plus Amelia to Zora, by Cynthia Chin-Lee.

Watch for the schedule of school visits early next year! All WILPF members are invited to attend any of these delightful visits with young children. Putting good children's literature into the hands of young people is the most important part of this WILPF project.

*For some wonderful gift ideas, check out the Book Awards section at [janeaddamspeace.org](http://janeaddamspeace.org).*

## **COLLECTIVES AT WORK: THE MOUNTAIN MOVING COLLECTIVE**

*by Sandy Polishuk*

The Mountain Moving Collective's consciously anti-profit cafe opened in 1975 offering Portland's earliest vegetarian menu and attracting both alternative and mainstream patrons. Daily community programs included political presentations, organizing meetings, and local and nationally touring performers. No men were allowed at Wednesday's Women's Night. The Collective provided child care, sparking children's playrooms in other restaurants. The bulletin board changed monthly, highlighting an organization currently receiving the tips.

Mountain Moving Cafe was a beloved institution in '70s Portland. The History of Social Justice Organizing's program on Thursday evening, November 14 will be more than nostalgia; it will be an opportunity to talk about what it takes to make a collective work. See calendar page 3 for details about this event, visit [www.facebook.com/historyofsocialjustice](http://www.facebook.com/historyofsocialjustice), and come join us.

## **WILPF WOMEN SPEAKING ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

Natasha Beck and Lucinda Tate will spend the afternoon and evening of Monday, November 11, with two classes at George Fox University discussing women's issues in the world today. Lucinda will talk about WILPF's work to secure ratification by Congress of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/osagi/wps/>) and to protect victims of

human trafficking. Natasha will discuss women's status in Cuba before, during, and after the 1959 revolution. To understand US relations with Cuba, a good short book is Samir Lamrani, The Economic War Against Cuba (<http://monthlyreview.org/press/books/pb3409/>)

**ANNUAL APPEAL FOR DONATIONS TO PORTLAND WILPF**

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**Please consider sending a donation to Portland WILPF**

It has been nearly 18 months since Portland WILPF has sent a special request like this to ask for your donations to support our local office and branch activities. We hope you will respond generously as always. Print this page, clip the donation form from the top of this page and send it to the address on the form. Note: Neither these donations, nor your membership dues, are eligible for tax deductions.

*FYI: When you send membership dues, the entire amount goes to WILPF National; only \$1 per member comes back to our branch. It is your non-dues donations to our branch that support all our local work. Contributions you send to us with this form will not be applied to your WILPF national membership. To join or renew your membership, go to [wilpfus.org](http://wilpfus.org), and click on "Join or Renew Membership" (not on the red and white "Donate" button.).*

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**November 2013 WILPF Calendar**

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**VIGILS HELD REGULARLY**

- \* **Wednesdays, 6:30 pm** SW 5th & Hall, Beaverton. **Washington County Peace Vigil**
- \* **Fridays, 4 pm** SW First and Madison on Hawthorne Bridge. **Weekly Anti-War Protest** [lonvet2008@comcast.net](mailto:lonvet2008@comcast.net)
- \* **Fridays, 5 to 6 pm** Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW Yamhill and Broadway. **Portland Peaceful Response Coalition**
- \* **Saturdays, noon to 1 pm** McLoughlin and Oak Grove Blvds., Milwaukie, Oregon. **Oak Grove Peace Vigil**

**EVENTS**

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

**Friday 1 November, 4 pm: Panel Discussion, "Arts and Media in the Arab Uprisings"**  
Reed College, Psychology 105. See <http://www.reed.edu/ppls/>.

**Friday 1 November, 7:30 pm: Documentary, "The Ghosts of Jeju"**  
Fifth Avenue Cinema, 510 SE Hall St (on PSU campus). Portland premiere of the inspiring and informative documentary about Jeju Island. Producer-Director Regis Tremblay will be present. Free popcorn. Thank VFP Chapter 72 and Students United for Nonviolence (SUN).

**Saturday/Sunday 2/3 Nov, 10 am-5 pm: Greenpeace "Rainbow Warrior" Ship Tours**  
Vancouver Landing, west of 100 Columbia Street, Vancouver WA. The newest Rainbow Warrior, built in 2011, is one of the most environmentally-friendly ships ever made and the first vessel designed and built specifically for Greenpeace. Free and open to all. Register at <http://members.greenpeace.org/event/view/4608/>.

**Monday 4 November, 7 pm: Remembering Mulugeta Seraw: Portland's Legacy of Racism and Combating White Supremacy**

McMenamins Mission Theater, 1624 NW Glisan. Presented by Walidah Imarisha, education writer, organizer, and spokenword artist at PSU w/ panelists Elinor Langer, journalist and author, and Kelley Weigel, Executive Director, Western States Center. Part of the Oregon Encyclopedia Lecture series: A Century of Oregon History. Free.

**Wednesday 6 November, 7 pm: Jared Diamond, "The World Until Yesterday"**

Newmark Theater, 1111 SW Broadway. Sponsored by Powell's Books. Diamond explores what we can learn from the way that traditional peoples approach universal problems. Buy tickets at [www.portland5.com](http://www.portland5.com). \$28 plus service fees.

**Thursday 7 November, 7 pm: Elliott Adams, "Why We Must Close Guantanamo"**

Eliot Chapel, First Unitarian Church, SW 12<sup>th</sup> and Salmon. Adams is former president of the Veterans for Peace national board. His West Coast tour aims at swelling the social movement that will "Close GTMO!" Q&A following his talk. See <http://www.vfpchapter72.org/?p=331>.

**Sunday 10 November, 6:30 pm: Documentary, "A Fierce Green Fire: The Battle for a Living Planet"**

First Unitarian Church, SW 12<sup>th</sup> and Salmon. Director Mark Kitchell will join in discussion after the screening. Donation \$5-\$20; no one turned away. For more information on the film, see <http://afiercegreenfire.com/index.html>.

**Monday 11 November, 11 am: Celebrate Armistice Day with Veterans for Peace and WILPF**

Pioneer Court House Square. See "Celebration of Veterans Day" on page 1.

**Tuesday 12 November, 7 pm: Lester Brown, "The New Geopolitics of Food"**

First Congregational Church, 1126 SW Park Avenue. Lester Brown, president of the Earth Policy Institute, explores the increasingly volatile world food situation. \$5--\$15, register at [www.worldoregon.org](http://www.worldoregon.org).

**Tuesday 12 November, 7 pm: Race Talks: Race in the Arts**

McMenamins Kennedy School Gym, 5736 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, doors open at 6 pm. All ages are welcome. Free; food available for purchase.

**Wednesday 13 Nov, 7:30-9 pm: Bob McChesney & John Nichols, "Dollarocracy"**

Powell's Books, 1005 W. Burnside. Bob and John speak about their new book, Dollarocracy: How the Money and Media Election Complex is Destroying America. Massive unaccountable campaign donations, collapsing journalism, rampant corruption and the Internet are shaking the foundations of American democracy. [First of 2 presentations in Portland; both are free.]

**Thursday 14 Nov, 12-1:30 pm: Bob McChesney & John Nichols, "Dollarocracy"**

Portland State, Smith Memorial Student Union, Room 294. See item above for details.

**Thursday 14 November, 7 pm: The Mountain Moving Cafe Collective: A Panel Exploring Collectives at Work**

Portland State University, room TBA. Panel featuring four members of the original Collective: Andy Clark, Ellen Goldberg, Kiera O'Hara, Peter Thacker. Presented by History of Social Justice Organizing. Free. See [www.facebook.com/historyofsocialjustice](http://www.facebook.com/historyofsocialjustice) and article on page 2.

**Saturday 16 November, 7 pm: Sister Simone Campbell, "Journey of Faith, Journey of Justice: Spirituality of Faith & Politics"**

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 NW 19<sup>th</sup> Ave, 7 pm. Sr Simone is executive director of NETWORK: a National Catholic Social Justice Lobby and founder of the "Nuns on the Bus" movement. She is a nationally recognized advocate for peace-building, immigration reform, healthcare, and economic justice. This event is free and open to the public.