

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM

Portland Branch, 1034 SW 13th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97205-1702

Officers: Lucinda Tate, convener; Sara Tattam, membership; Anne McLaughlin, treasurer; Karen James, corresponding secretary/webmaster; Holly Hansen, office manager

Email: wilfpdx@gmail.com Website: www.wilfpdx.org

Newsletter Editors: Celeste Howard, Natasha Beck



October 2014

ENGAGE IN KEEP SPACE FOR PEACE WEEK, OCTOBER 4-11

Portland WILPF's September business meeting on the 13th looked forward to October events beginning on Wednesday, October 1 with Naomi Klein, talking about her new book This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. Climate on KBOO (90.7 FM) at 1 pm and at Powell's Beaverton store at 7 pm, followed by the 2014 Regional Livability Summit all day Friday, October 3, at PSU. Since **WILPF** co-sponsors the annual Keep Space for Peace Week, the meeting then focused on the Global Action Against Drones for Surveillance and Killing, which starts the week off on October 4.

Barbara Drageaux proposed encouraging people to protest military drones by flying a kite in a nearby park. The message **NO WAR DRONES** could be "painted on the kite with a permanent marker or stuck on with duct tape," she said. Barbara brought such a kite to the Portland People's Climate March on Sunday, Sept. 21, and handed out flyers about it that were well received, especially by children.



More information about this Global Action Day can be found at <http://knowdrones.com>. At www.keepspace4peace.org you can see a 2-minute video about the role of drones in space and read the fall 2014 newsletter from Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, which contains two articles on drones and mentions several actions protesting their use.

See the Calendar pages for information on events during the rest of Keep Space for Peace Week. On the 5th, Nicholas Kristof gives a Sunday afternoon talk about his new book, A Path Appears, co-authored by Sheryl WuDunn. On the 7th, the Portland premiere of "Bomb Trains" will be shown by Columbia Riverkeeper; elsewhere, Rick Steves will share his concerns about Oregon's approach to marijuana legalization. On the 8th, Edwin Lyman speaks on the future of nuclear power in the northwest, and on the 10th, Jeff Clements talks about "Reclaiming Democracy from Big Money and Corporations."

On October 11, the Global Frackdown to ban fracking for oil and gas (www.globalfrackdown.org) will have a local flavor in Portland, where Sierra Club and Food & Water Watch are leading a campaign to stop construction of pipelines for exporting fracked natural gas. Follow the link in the calendar item, and join this campaign.



The next Portland WILPF business meeting will be on Saturday, October 11, from 1 to 3 pm in room A301, First Unitarian Church. Join us to discuss plans for 2014/15, and come early for a brown bag lunch together. Submit articles for the October newsletter by October 22 and calendar items by October 25 to wilfpdx@gmail.com.

WILPF'S PRESENCE IN SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Portland WILPF co-sponsored two events during the last 17 days of September: the Portland People's Climate March on the afternoon of September 21 and the Pacific Northwest Social Forum (www.pnwsf.org) on the weekend of September 26-28. Four members stood beside the **WILPF** banner during the speakers program preceding the half-mile Climate March along Naito Parkway and back. Lucinda Tate handed out brochures inviting new members, and the rest of us took turns talking with people circulating among the 40 or more information spots set up by other local organizations for peace and justice.

Lucinda, Jack Herbert, and Carol and Kirby Urner represented **WILPF** at the Pacific Northwest Social Forum, and Portland WILPF is now an official member. The PNWSF is a convergence of people's movements from California to Alaska, building unified action for social, economic, and environmental justice in the Pacific Northwest.

Carol, Lucinda, Natasha Beck, Celeste Howard, and Holly Hansen were all present at the PSU Celebration of the Walk of the Heroines on September 26, when the final panel was added to the walk. Nine WILPF members are among the heroines honored there.

FORUM on "U.S. FOREIGN POLICY: THE WARS CONTINUE"

by Carol Urner

Portland WILPF Branch co-sponsored this forum September 23 at Multnomah Friends Meeting House on our country's role in wars, occupations and drone assassinations continuing in Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Gaza, Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia. I represented WILPF in the planning, along with Peace and Justice Works (the lead organization), AFSC and Occupy Elder Caucus.

Cecil Prescod, United Church of Christ minister, moderated and **Jenka Soderberg**, KBOO evening news director, prepared the background. I appreciated the sharing of all seven panelists but was especially moved by the tormented Iraq War Veteran. **Ian LaVallee** sees little hope for mending the Iraq we've devastated. He also struggles with inner turmoil, remembering the murders and kidnappings he performed but now rejects as totally wrong.

Maya Rotem, a young Israeli activist who grew up in Jerusalem, is now in Portland with Jewish Voice for Peace. She promotes full equality, democracy and self-determination for both Israelis and Palestinians. From Maya we learned that the Portland City Council recently hired the British security firm G4S, which runs the prison and security systems in Israel. This firm incarcerates thousands of Palestinians and has an egregious human rights record. *Should WILPF join in protesting Portland's action?*

Robin Hahnel, described by Wikipedia as a "radical economist," is teaching temporarily at Portland State University and is a prolific writer and public speaker. *Could we co-sponsor him in a teach-in or other Portland event? I thought he spoke like a 21st century Jane Addams, although in a masculine voice.*

BRIEFLY NOTED

http://www.ran.org/challenging_corporate_power_at_the_biggest_climate_march_in_history
At this link, you can read comments from the Rainforest Action Network on the **People's Climate March**, September 21, in New York City.

The **Nuclear Zero** lawsuits initiated last April by the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) are proceeding at the International Court of Justice and the U.S. Federal District Court. Sign the petition supporting the Marshall Islands' courageous stand, and stay up to date on its progress at www.nuclearzero.org.

<http://www.wilpfinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/You-Get-What-You-Pay-For-Web.pdf> This WILPF brief on 'the connection between **military spending and gender equality** stresses the need to free up financial, technological, and human resources now allocated to militaries, in order to fund economic, social, and environmental programs.

http://www.organicconsumers.org/articles/article_30945.cfm 'Industrial agriculture is one of the biggest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions—and its counterpart, **organic regenerative farming and ranching**, offers not only a way to reverse global warming, but a way to have better soil, better health, more justice for farmers, and a proven path for feeding the world.' Ronnie Cummins, "The carbon underground: Reversing global warming."

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/news/global-arms-trade-treaty-beginners-guide-50th-ratification-update-2014-09-25> On September 25, 2014, UN's landmark **Arms Trade Treaty** received its 50th ratification. It will therefore become a legally binding part of international law on December 25 for the 53 nations that have now signed and ratified it. This treaty establishes strong rules to stop arms going to human rights abusers. Five of the leading arms exporters—France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and the UK—have already ratified it. The U.S. has signed but not ratified it. China, Canada, Israel, and Russia are also major arms exporters that have shown resistance to ratification.

http://www.ips-dc.org/wall_street_bonuses_and_the_minimum_wage/ The \$26.7 billion that **Wall Street** handed out in **bonuses** to their 165,200 employees last year would be more than enough to double the pay of all 1,085,000 Americans working full time at the **federal minimum wage** of \$7.25 an hour. Standard economic models tell us the money in those bonuses increased the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by \$10.4 billion. Had the same amount been used to double the minimum wage, the GDP would have gone up by \$32.3 billion, according to the same models.

October 2014 Portland WILPF Calendar

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, 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]

Wednesday 1 October, 7 pm: Naomi Klein, "This Changes Everything" Tour

Powell's Books at Cedar Hills Crossing, 3415 SW Cedar Hills Blvd, Beaverton. Her new book explains why the climate crisis challenges us to abandon the core "free market" ideology, restructure the global economy, and remake our political systems.

Friday 3 October, 8:30 am to 5 pm: 2014 Regional Livability Summit—Pathways to Prosperity: Advancing Economic Justice

Portland State University, Smith Memorial Center, 1825 SW Broadway. Keynote speaker Dr. Antwi Akom, Associate Professor of Environmental Sociology, Public Health, and STEM Education at San Francisco State and Executive Director of the Institute for Sustainable Economic, Educational, and Environmental Design (**I-SEED**). Registration \$60 to \$90 includes lunch and closing reception. <https://clfuture.org/news-events/regional-livability-summit>

Saturday 4 October: Global Action Day Against the Use of Drones for Surveillance and Killing

See <http://knowdrones.com> and the article on page 1 of this newsletter about action against drones as a focus of [Keep Space for Peace Week](#), October 4-11.

Sunday 5 October, 4 pm: SAGE and Literary Arts Present "A Conversation with 2014 Visiting SAGE Nicholas Kristof"

First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1126 SW Park Ave, doors open 3:30 pm. Oregonian Kristof, celebrated New York Times columnist, will share the core message from his new book, A Path Appears: Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunity (co-author Sheryl WuDunn). Tickets \$20 at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/755927> .

Tuesday 7 October, 3:30 to 6 pm: Visibility Action, "End the Afghan War: Stop Bombing Iraq and Syria"

NE Couch & MLK Jr. Blvd (east end of Burnside Bridge). This day marks 13 years since the devastating U.S. invasion of Afghanistan; the U.S. intends to leave 10,000 troops there after the end of 2014. On September 22, U.S. missiles began raining down on Syria as part of an effort to "degrade and destroy" the Islamic state. Event coordinated by Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group, cosponsored by American Friends Service Committee, Occupy Portland Elder Caucus, Recruiter Watch PDX, Little Light of Mine Friends Worship Group, Jewish Voice for Peace-Portland, Freedom Socialist Party-Portland, and others.

Tuesday 7 October, 6:30 pm: Portland Premiere of "Bomb Trains"

Center for Intercultural Organizing, 700 N. Killingsworth. The State of Oregon approved two dangerous crude oil-by-rail terminals (one on the Willamette, one on the Columbia) without public hearings or input. This premiere is an investigative news report on oil-by-rail in the Pacific NW. Presentations, strategizing; food & kids' area provided. Columbia Riverkeeper, Rising Tide Portland, Friends of the Columbia Gorge. www.columbiariverkeeper.org

Tuesday 7 October, 7 pm: Rick Steves, "Travel as a Political Act—Ending Marijuana Prohibition in Oregon"

First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1126 Park Ave. Steves co-sponsored Washington's successful ballot measure to regulate, legalize and tax marijuana. He will talk about where the drug reform movement is heading. \$10 at <http://voteyeson91.com/ricksteves/>.

Wednesday 8 October, 6:30 to 8:30 pm: Edwin Lyman, "Are We Safer? The Future of Nuclear Power in the Northwest 3½ Years after Fukushima"

First Unitarian Church, SW 12th and Main. Dr. Lyman is Senior Scientist, Global Security Program, Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS). As a physicist and nationally recognized nuclear power safety expert, he will talk about lessons to be learned from Fukushima that can be applied in addressing the risks at Columbia Generating Station and in deciding the future of nuclear power in the Northwest. Co-sponsors Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility & UCS.

Thursday 9 October, 6:30 to 8:30 pm: Forum, Undoing Border Imperialism

PSU Native American Student Community Center, 710 SW Jackson St. Harsha Walla, a migrant justice activist trained in law, will talk about her book, Undoing Border Imperialism. Join us to discuss the perspectives of Native and immigrant peoples who are most impacted by historical and modern colonialism. www.jwjpx.org

Friday 10 October, 7 pm: Jeff Clements, "Corporations Are Not People: Reclaiming Democracy from Big Money and Corporations"

First Unitarian Church, SW 12th and Salmon. The founder of Free Speech for People joins Alliance for Democracy for this presentation about the newly released second edition of his book, Corporations Are Not People. www.afd-pdx.org

Saturday 11 October 3 pm: Global Frackdown in Portland: 'Stop LNG Exports' Teach-In

First Unitarian Church, SW 12th & Salmon. Update on the campaign to stop fracked natural gas exports in Oregon. Sign postcards urging state officials to stop pipelines for LNG export; be part of a group photo petition telling Gov. Kitzhaber to keep natural gas out of his plan for a clean energy future and "Say No" to LNG. Campaign is led by Sierra Club & Food & Water

Watch; see <https://actionnetwork.org/events/stop-lng-exports-teach-in> for more information.

5

Tuesday 14 October, 7 to 9 pm: 3rd Annual Race Talks Get Acquainted Social and Silent Auction

McMenamins Kennedy School Gym, 5736 NE 33rd Avenue, doors open at 6 pm. Bring friends, meet new people interested in social justice and "get your dance on" with the R&B to Motown sounds of Mack & Dub and the Smokin' Section, all while supporting Race Talks. All ages welcome; food available for purchase.

Thursday 16 October, 7 pm: Film, "Fire in the Blood"

First Unitarian Church, SW 12th and Main. "A shocking account of international trade terrorism," this movie tells the story of the role of pharmaceutical companies in the global AIDS epidemic. Presented by The Imani Project and Zimbabwe Artists Project.

Saturday 18 October, 8 am to 4:30 pm: Seventh Annual Northwest Conference on Teaching for Social Justice

Madison High School, 2735 NE 82nd Avenue, doors open 7:30 for Resource Fair. This year's topic: "Rethinking Our Classrooms, Organizing for Better Schools." Register by October 9 at <http://nwtsj.org/register/>; students \$5, educators/non-students \$30, no one turned away for inability to pay (for free registration contact info@nwtsj.org in advance). Lunch included. Bring your own beverage container; no bottled drinks provided. Resource Fair tables available; Hyung Nam, hyung_n@yahoo.com, for information.

Saturday 18 October, 5:30—8 pm: Oregon Fair Trade Campaign Celebration Dinner

SEIU Local 503, 6401 SE Foster Road. Celebrating a decade of fighting for fair trade policy. Keynote address by Lori Wallach, director of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch. Presentation of Fair Trade Champion Award to Sen. Jeff Merkley. Tickets \$60 at www.oregonfairtrade.org.

Wednesday 22 October, 5:30—6:30 pm: United Nations Day, "A Quiet Revolution—Women's Empowerment, Rights, and Gender Equality"

Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Avenue, Madison Room (third floor). Suvira Chaturvedi, International Development Specialist, United Nations, will speak about the 30 years of work she has done on women's empowerment in countries across Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. Presented by United Nations Association of the USA, Portland Chapter.

Wednesday 22 October, 7 to 9 pm: Winona LaDuke: Keynote Address for Portland State Campus Sustainability Day

PSU Smith Memorial Student Union Ballroom, room 334, 1825 SW Broadway. LaDuke is a member of the Mississippi Band of the White Earth Reservation of the Anishinaabe Nation. She will speak on indigenous perspectives and grassroots strategies for mitigating climate change. Her visit will also kick off PSU Social Sustainability Month. Tickets free but required; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/portland-state-of-mind-winona-laduke-tickets-12606328869>.

Sunday 26 October, 10 am to noon: JMJ Trio Performing at Anna Bannanas

2403 NE Alberta. Jane Keefer, Mary Rose & Jim Cook sing and play labor, protest, old-time and love songs for people's tips and delight. Lots of singing along, whistles, dancing, friendly talk, good food and drink. Phone 503-274-2559.