

WILPF Cape Cod

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM
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END
WAR

What's your peace & justice passion?
How does it fit under this umbrella?



*Join us as we finalize
our 2011-12 strategic plan...*

Strategic Planning for next year needs...

Under the inspired leadership of Chris Morin, the Cape Cod branch of WILPF US has committed to a more specific, strategic, measurable form of planning for the coming year -- or two. Our traditional spring/summer rhythm has called for an evaluation of the past year (traditionally done in June), a visioning/preliminary planning meeting (July's Midsummer Night's Dreaming), and a planning retreat to convert visions into firm plans.

This year, however, we are employing the SMART process. SMART is an acronym:

S = strategic (How will it advance our cause?)

M = measurable (How will we know when we get there?)

A = achievable (Is the goal realistic for our resources?)

R = relevant (How does this relate to our and society's reality?)

T = timebound (When will it end?)

At the May meeting, we made the decision to use this SMART process and then proceeded to talk about what our campaigns might be about. It became clear that we needed standards to use in choosing a campaign and a committee proposed the following at our June meeting.



A Tucson WILPFer puts the finishing touches on their Jane Addams puppet. What could we do with a Cape Cod Jane Addams puppet?

Criteria for choosing a campaign

Campaign proposals will be evaluated based on

1. Timeliness
2. Building on the branch's past work
3. Intersecting with other issues
4. Connecting us to US Section and international WILPF
5. Mobilizing present membership
6. Local, national, and global appeal
7. Whether we have the people-resources to enhance our work
8. Leading to coalition-building
9. Promoting leadership of women
10. Making a visible impact

Chris and the committee offered the following example of how these criteria might be applied to a campaign called "End War." The topic is certainly timely (1). It builds extensively on the branch's past work, from the "Roots of Violence, Seeds of Change" course, to op eds, letters, visits to legislators, to actions in the streets (2). We know that ending war is dependent on many of the other issues that interest us -- undoing corporate influence, protecting our water and other commons, violence against women, militarism in our schools, etc (3). WILPFers all over the country and around the world are working to end war (4). It's a topic that resonates with all our current members and could mobilize them to take part (5).

Number 6 is a no-brainer. Our branch is growing, enhancing the skills we have as a group to plan, implement, and see to conclusion any campaign we commit to (7). There are already other Cape Cod groups working to end the current wars our country is engaged in -- we could work with them and others to End [All] War (8). Well, of course we will promote leadership of women (9)! And number 10 depends on what the form/goal of the campaign are.

Once Chris, Margaret Rice Moir, Karen Weiss, Jessica, and the other committee members had taken us through this "example" of how the criteria might be

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Reaching a Strategic Plan:

Step 1 Establish criteria for choosing a campaign (completed 6/16)

Step 2 -- Evaluate campaign proposals and make selections (to be done at Midsummer Night's Planning, July 21)

Step 3 -- Set goals, make commitments, establish 2011-12 calendar (scheduled for September 2-3 -- see page 3.)

YOU!

applied, the group seemed very inclined to adopt the "example" as our actual campaign theme.

So, WE DECIDED that the umbrella of our work for the coming year (possibly two) will be END WAR.

NOW IT FALLS TO ALL OF US (including YOU, dear reader!) to come up with proposals for a campaign. Here's how to begin --

- What is YOUR passion? What is the change YOU want to effect? Is it preserving our water supply? challenging corporate power? getting the recruiters out of the high schools? ending the blockade of Gaza? growing/buying/cooking local foods? teaching peace instead of violence? honoring peacemakers instead of soldiers? bringing home the war dollars?

- Once you have the answer to this question, think up a way for the branch to work on it. Design your own campaign, remembering both the SMART standards and the criteria listed above.

- Bring a presentation to the Midsummer Night's meeting and share it with everyone using the SMART guidelines. Tell us what your goal is, how it will work, what you'll need for person-hours, what it might cost (or raise!), and how it meets the criteria.

- We'll discuss the options at Midsummer Night and make some choices. Then, we'll do further work on the selected campaign(s) at our Hawk's Nest retreat [see right.]

Other Business:

This is the time of year when we look at our branch "functionaries," check with those currently holding those responsibilities, and seek new volunteers for any open spots. We encourage two people to share a functionary position, especially with one experienced person working with a newer member.

Please consider if you would like to take on any of the following functions, if there's an opening:

- Branch Convenor (contact with national office; disperse information in branch mailings)
- Treasurer
- Newsletter editor(s) (Elenita is willing to work with a new team to get them started!)
- Public Relations/Publicity
- Herstory (maintain record of year's activities, press, photos, etc.)

If you have questions about these functionary positions, please call Laurie Gates at 508-432-4245.

See you at Midsummer Night! (see right)

Save the Dates!

...and plan to come!

July 21st: Midsummer Night's Planning Meeting.

This is our annual celebration (swim, jacuzzi, sun & potluck supper) and planning meeting at the home of Dorothy and Herb Carver in West Barnstable. Arrive anytime after 4 p.m. to enjoy the celebration; dinner is at 6:00; meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. **BRING** your campaign ideas! *Directions: Route 6A to Scudder Lane (historic Hinckley Home is on the corner); follow Scudder Lane to first left onto Calves' Pasture Lane; Carver's driveway is the first on the left.* Questions? Call Elenita at 508-237-5195.

September 2-3: Hawk's Nest Retreat.

- Gather on Friday evening for potluck supper and a discussion to respond to the Evergreen Branch Survey sent out by the national office. They want to hear from ALL of us! Potluck at 6:00; discussion to follow.

- Stay overnight on lovely Hawk's Nest Pond (in your own tent or in the bunkroom of the cabin.) Call Laurie Gates at 508-432-4245 to let her know you'll be sleeping over and for any logistical instructions.

- Saturday -- *breakfast for the overnighters at 8:00 a.m.* **Planning Retreat** starts at 9:00 a.m. sharp! We will fill in the details on our chosen campaign(s) -- who, what, when, where, how, why. Our calendar will take shape, we will make decisions about our meeting schedule for the coming year, and start a budget. **Potluck lunch** at noon, with short swim. **Retreat** continues after lunch until 3:00 p.m.

Directions: Route 6 to exit 11, Route 137. Turn left onto 137, take first right onto Spruce Road. Go ~1/2 mile, watch for dirt road on left with WILPF sign at end. Go carefully ~1/4 mile -- first driveway on right is Hawk's Nest. Questions? Call Laurie at 508-432-4245.

"Be a voice, not an echo!"

-Rev. William Barber, President, NC NAACP

Report from US Section Congress, Cahpel Hill NC • Summer 2011

The Cape Cod contingent (Mary Zepernick, Laura Roskos, Nancy Munger, Kristin Knowles, and Elenita Muñiz) gave a brief report back on the 2011 triennial congress of the US section of WILPF at the June branch meeting. Here are a couple of notes about their remarks. Please talk to them directly about the congress and watch your e-mail for a special e-news from WILPF that will include Congress Reports. If you are NOT on the WILPF e-news list and would like to be, go to www.wilpf.org and sign up in the box near the top of the page.

Kristin found the congress inspiring. At one point, when a speaker was delayed, Kristin offered to perform one of her poems, to great acclaim! She was invited to go to the Democracy Convention in Madison, WI and perform as well as lead a workshop on using art in political action. In addition, she will be attending the international WILPF congress in Costa Rica later this summer. She is fired up and feels the congress helped her realize she needs and wants to return to her writing and performance work. (We're delighted!)

Elenita raved about the guest speakers at Congress. *The Rev. Dr. William Barber*, an imposing figure of a man, spoke -- no, preached -- for an hour about the history of WILPF and the NAACP, about the power of women to make change, about the *necessity* of women to make change, and urged us over and over to "Be a voice, not an echo." *Kathy Kelly* of Voices for Creative Nonviolence spoke at

lunch one day about Afghanistan, which she has visited four times, and the peace groups with which she is working there, including a group of young men. (They wear bright turquoise blue scarves when they march or demonstrate and they request that we do the same in solidarity. Start checking those thrift shops...)

And then there was *Madeleine Rees*, our secretary general in Geneva, a stunning presence and eloquent in her plans for ways to move WILPF's work forward through the use of human rights law. She reminded us of how well-respected WILPF is at the UN, particularly our two programs in New York: Reaching Critical Will (about disarmament) and Peacewomen (about UN SCR 1325, mandating the involvement of women in peacemaking and peacekeeping.) Madeleine laid out a process by which issues can be viewed through the lens of human rights (water rights, for example) and then taken to international courts.

Mary spoke about the workshops, which offered 20 options on corporations vs. democracy, Cuba and the Bolivarian Alliance, water rights, using UNSCR 1325 as an organizing

tool, planning for WILPF's 100th anniversary, ending the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, leadership skills, and more. She mentioned the Truth and Reconciliation workshop, which she helped with, as a very moving and powerful way to make change in a community. And she reprised for the meeting her role as "I Miss Democracy," complete with tiara, sash, and long gown. "I miss democracy," she said to us, "don't you? What do you miss

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Gray-eyed Athena sent them a favorable breeze, a fresh west wind, singing over the wine-dark sea...



...and brought to Cape Cod WILPF five generous, powerful, loving, imaginative, clear-thinking women --

whom we have been happy to support and share as U.S. WILPF Presidents

Betty Burkes (1996-1999), Chris Morin (2005-2008), Mary Zepernick (1989-1993), Laura Roskos (2008-2011, 2011-2014), Nancy Munger (2008-2011)

Cape Cod WILPF's ad in Congress Tribute Book

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Voices, not echos

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about democracy?"

Mary is heading the effort to get the Cape Cinema to show *The Whistleblower* this summer and for us to host a reception and hand out literature there. (This is the very peaceful and well-done, but wracking, movie about peacekeepers/UN involvement in trafficking of young women in the Balkans during that crisis. Madeline Rees is one of the people portrayed in the film.)

Nancy and Laura reported on various actions generated during congress. There was a vigil in Raleigh, a street action in Chapel Hill, workshops on using Democracy in Action (DIA) and the internet to marshal support on issues, and use of blogging and social media. They mentioned the upcoming Democracy Convention, monitoring US compliance with the Convention to End Racial Discrimination (CERD), supporting John Conyers' health legislation, seeing the war on drugs as a feminist issue, and using 1325 in conjunction with *The Whistleblower*. "We need to end the sense that 'diplomatic immunity' equals 'impunity' from prosecution and accountability," Laura said.

One major campaign of the coming year is working with the United States in designing our national action plan (NAP) for implementing 1325 in the U.S. WILPF will be inviting a broad civil society to join in planning the NAP and the national office has released a plan to all branches on how to use the movie to advance this project.

All in all, there is much work to be done and there was lots of inspiration at congress to get down to it!



-Kira Doult

An excerpt from response

Yes, it's true that I'm angry. But this is not about hate. No, my, anger is not malicious or gratuitous, so even if you dismiss me as such, still know that it will not bring about my silence. And don't worry...I will not scream or shout. The bitter voice of violence is not what I'm about. See, I prefer to gently rock the boat, caressing your consciousness with the loudest of truths spoken with the inspired softness of a woman's lips.

...You see, I have seen our welfare money at work. It is fast food packaging strewn across vast Guatemalan expanses, centuries carved into majestic peaks and patchwork valleys, instantly defiled by the discarded slave-wage dollars spent on the immediate gratification of a Happy Meal.

...So go ahead and call me a communist for the crime of calling attention to your cleverly disguised imperialism.

Demonize me because I dare to address your self-evident demons, as if the truth could be altered By the power of your "profits."

And please, tell me one more time: "It's just business, Ma'am, nothing personal..." while you commit murder behind missionary masks, marketing Western values as if consumerism could enlighten the Third World. If we are so hell bent on protecting the sanctity of human life,

why do we turn our heads and choose not to see the desecration of that sanctity in the marginalized, anonymous masses?

There is no perversion of truth greater than the lies that are woven to gain a greasy buck... This slickly packaged bag of McFamily Values we've been handed

cannot feed the homeless, hungry third world existing right here in this country.

Capitalist priorities do not include humanitarianism.

So, yes, I am angry. But this is not about hate. It is about evolution, revolution, and changing our ways before they forever change our world.

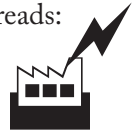
-- published in *Waitress*, by Kristin Knowles

REMEMBER!

At our May meeting, we decided that our annual Labor Day vigil would be a NO MORE NUKES/ CLOSE PILGRIM action, with a big sign for all the departing tourists that reads:



**IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT AT PILGRIM NUCLEAR POWER PLANT,
THIS IS YOUR EVACUATION ROUTE...TOWARD PLYMOUTH.**



We agreed to hold this vigil at the Route 6 exit 2 rest area only. Some of us will dress ourselves in Tyvek white suits and respirators. We need to have a handout to give to drivers who want one. Other signs, about nukes in space or the Non-Proliferation Treaty or any anti-nuke connection you'd like to make, are also welcome.

We will discuss this further (including hours) at Midsummer Night's Planning. PLEASE mark your calendars now. We need a good showing for this event. Questions? Call Elenita at 508-237-5195.

August 6-8

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day

Peace pe.

END WAR 2011 Congress T-shirts are available from Laura Roskos. Buy yours now so we may have a unified presence at marches, actions, and other events!

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Coming Events!

OCTOBER 6, 2001-2011

**TEN YEARS OF WAR
IN AFGHANISTAN**

- 100,000 U.S. REGULAR TROOPS
- 150,000 "CONTRACTORS"
(A/K/A MERCENARIES)
- VILLAGES, FAMILIES, TRANQUILITY
DESTROYED

ALL IN PURSUIT OF 75-150
AL QAEDA OPERATIVES

HOW WILL WE MARK THIS DAY?
HERE? IN D.C.?
HOW DO WE BRING THE TROOPS
HOME?

SAVE THE DATE



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

**Nov.
11-13,
2011**

NATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BRING THE TROOPS AND WAR DOLLARS HOME NOW!

In the summer of 2010, 800 activists from peace, environmental, economic and social justice groups from around the country gathered in Albany for the largest movement conference held since 9/11 and the initiation of the so-called "War on Terror". The conference presented a wealth of dynamic speakers and dozens of panels and workshops focusing on analyses, issues and actions in order to organize effectively for ending US wars and for social change. An ambitious action plan was adopted and a new national coalition, UNAC, the United National Antiwar Committee, was formed.

Since then, UNAC has implemented the action program, culminating in large bi-coastal mobilizations on April 9-10, 2011, and responded to the huge events of recent months: the popular uprisings in Tunisia, Egypt, and other North African countries; the fight backs to union-busting and cuts to social services in Wisconsin and elsewhere; the wars at home on communities of color, rising Islamophobia and racist attacks on Muslims and pre-emptive prosecutions; activists targeted by the FBI; attacks on civil liberties; environmental destruction and global warming; struggles to end the siege of Gaza, threats to Iran and North Korea; the dangers of nuclear power; and the endless wars continuing in Iraq, Afghanistan, and now expanding in Libya.

As we see in Egypt and throughout history, all critical social change comes through the direct, massive, independent intervention of the people. This does not happen spontaneously.

It is time for a unified movement to meet again to learn, to strategize, to plan and to organize in order to take stock and to move forward collectively. Everyone attending this one-person, one-vote conference has an equal voice and responsibility for the direction of the movement and the development of an action program to carry us through 2012.

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An Evening With AMY GOODMAN
'Breaking The Sound Barrier'
and Jimmy Tingle 'Jimmy Tingle For President'



Friday,
July 8, 2011
7:00 PM
Knight Auditorium
Barnstable High School
744 West Main Street



Tickets at the door: \$25

Limited income/Student: \$10

Book signing reception following program

For reservations write check to: CCPJ and
mail by 7/5: CCPJ, PO Box 173, Cotuit, MA

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Coming Events!

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Veterans for Peace/Corporal Jeffrey Lucey Cape Cod Chapter 041, Women's
International League for Peace and Freedom, Fellowship of Reconciliation,
AFSC/SENE, We The People vs. Corporate Rule

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**Make Peace, Freedom, and Justice
a Reality for All -- join WILPF or renew TODAY!**

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A branch of the
**Women's International
League for Peace & Freedom**

*We are a group of women and men
who work to create justice and peace
locally, nationally, and internationally.*

*WILPF envisions a transformed
world at peace, where there is racial, so-
cial and economic justice for all people
everywhere -- a world in which the inter-
connecting web of life is acknowledged
and celebrated, and human societies are
designed and organized for self-gover-
nance and sustainable existence.*

*In pursuit of these goals we edu-
cate ourselves and others, take action
against injustice, and nourish one
another.*

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