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CAPE COD WILPF

OCTOBER 2005

Dear WILPF Members and Friends,

October comes and finds us starting a new program year, a new meeting pattern and many activities.

A few of us are just back from the March to End the War on Iraq which took us to Washington D.C. This was a heady experience surrounded as we were by so many like-minded people. I was particularly impressed by the group from Grover, Vermont who carried misshapen shields in front of them. They appeared to be images of expressionistic burning bodies. When they came to the group of "Billionaires for Bush" on the steps of one of Washington's fancy hotels there were staged skirmishes with the billionaires putting their feet on the supine shields. "What do the shields represent?" I asked a young man carrying one. "We're collateral damage," he replied. That identification made the images more powerful to me. The Green Festival and the lobbying day on Monday completed the weekend.

What did the march accomplish? Were minds changed? We were energized to go back and continue doing the work of trying to stop the war and learning from what we saw new ways to have a stronger effect. I hope we accomplished even more than this.

Peace and hope,

Dianne Woods Ashley



CALENDAR

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11: **Branch meeting.** Potluck at 6:00, discussion concerning **TORTURE.** Harwich Community Center.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13-16: WALK TO END TORTURE

begins in Provincetown on Oct. 13, ends at the Chatham Unitarian- Universalist Church on Sunday, Oct. 16. Call Chuck Madansky, 508-896-9489 for details

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14: SENIOR PROM, A DANCE TO CELEBRATE DIVERSITY,

7:30 -11:30 P.M. Food, Music by Beth, Cape Spin Mobile DJ, Yarmouth Senior Center, 258 Forest Rd., South Yarmouth, \$10.00 in advance at the Senior Center.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15: Meeting of the group, **We the People versus Corporate Rule.** Wellfleet Library, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17: Water Study Group. 6:30-9:00p.m. call Laurie Gates for place., 508-432-4245.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22: Conference on Water, Manchester NH; call Nancy Munger, 508-255-6869 for information and transportation.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8: Branch Meeting. Potluck at 6:00 p.m. Discussion follows. Harwich Community Center.

INFORMATION AND ITEMS FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

The following items will be available at our program meeting from the UN and the national office:

- ◆ Information from the UN and two national campaigns
- ◆ Updates from the issues committees
- ◆ A branch directory and 46 page report from individual branches
- ◆ Order forms for "Save the Water"
- ◆ t-shirts
- ◆ 2006 Peace calendars



WALK TO END TORTURE: 10/13/05-10/16/05

1. If you are walking the whole way (or any overnight), your food and lodging (it could be just floor space) will be provided. But you **MUST** let us know as soon as possible so we can alert our hosts to the size of our group well in advance. **Contact Chuck Madansky at gooutside@capecod.net or 508 896-9489 by October 9 at the latest.**
2. If you **ARE NOT** planning to walk the whole way (or any overnight), you are welcome to join us at any point on the itinerary and walk however far you wish, **BUT**:
 - a. You need to arrange your own ride to join the walk and to pick you up wherever, if you plan to stop walking.
 - b. We will not be able to accommodate you for dinner following the day's walk.
3. There will be a support vehicle for those unable to complete a certain leg of the walk, or who need emergency assistance or rest.
4. As you will see from the itinerary, we will walk about 3 miles and rest, for about 15 minutes, with an hour break for lunch. We may walk as much as 18 miles in a day. Anyone planning to eat lunch with us **MUST** bring their own cup, bowl, spoon, fork and knife. Wrap them in a bandana so you can identify them in the support vehicle from day to day.
5. Those planning to walk the complete route (or any overnight) should bring their own bedding sleeping bag, pad and pillow plus toiletries, extra clothing and anything you'll need along the way. Bring a day pack to put in the support vehicle or carry with anything you'll need for the day's walk: e.g. raincoat, sunglasses, water bottle, etc. Pack as little as possible — we have limited space to transport it all— but as much as you need.
6. Plan to dress appropriately for the weather, but in layers. The best shoes are sneakers: good walking or running shoes with cushioning soles. The best socks are those combined with silk liners or are already double lined (available at EMS). You may want to get some walking in before we leave -18 miles is a long distance to walk in a day.
7. The intention of the walk is spiritual — as an offering on behalf of those who have suffered and continue to suffer from torture. We are calling for an end to torture by anyone, anywhere, and particularly seek to raise awareness about U.S. involvement in torture worldwide.
8. Feel free to make a cloth sign to pin to your jacket or a bag you carry that says "Walk to End Torture" or "Walk for Peace". Hand drums and hand-held signs with relevant slogans are OK, but keep in mind **YOU** are responsible for carrying them — there may not be room in the vehicle. There will be a big "Walk to End Torture" banner which we switch off carrying.
9. Please visit the UUSC Stop Torture Permanently (STOP) Campaign website to familiarize yourself with the issue. See, especially, the section on FAQ's **about torture**.
10. This walk is being sponsored by the Social Justice Committee of First Parish Brewster Unitarian-Universalist Church.

WALK TO END TORTURE SCHEDULE (continued)

THURSDAY 10/13

9-9:30 AM-- BAS RELIEF, PROVINCETOWN--- MEET, CIRCLE
10:30-10:45 AM-- PILGRIM LAKE
11:45-NOON-- HEAD OF THE MEADOW
1-2 PM-- LONGNOOK, LUNCH
3-3:15 PM--PRINCE VALLEY RD.
4:15-4:30 PM--WELLFLEET CENTER (RT 6)
5?? PM-- BETTY BURKES' HOUSE, S.WELLFLEET--DINNER, CHECK-IN & PROGRAM

FRIDAY 10/14

7:30-8 AM-- QUAKER-STYLE MEETING
8-8:30 AM-- BREAKFAST
8:30-9 AM-- LOAD VEHICLES, CLEANUP
10- 10: 15 AM-- WILLY'S GYM
11: 15-11:30 AM-- EASTHAM WINDMILL
12:30-1:30 PM-- ORLEANS WINDMILL, LUNCH
2:30-2:45 PM-- NICKERSON PARK ENTRANCE
3:45-4 PM-- FIRST PARISH, BREWSTER UU
4:15 PM-- DINNER, CHECK-IN, PROGRAMT.?
DRIVE TO C+W"S YURT TO SLEEP

SATURDAY, 10/15

8:30-9 AM-- QUAKER STYLE MEETING
9-9:30 AM-- BREAKFAST
10:30-NOON-- SAUNA CEREMONY/ HOT TUB/ SWIM/ REST
NOON-12:45 PM-- LUNCH, PACK UP, CLEANUP
1 PM--MEET AT FREEMAN"S WAY PLAYING FIELDS
2-2:15 PM-- RT 137/FONTAINE MED CTR
3:15-3:30 PM-- OLD QUEEN ANNE RD
4:10 PM-- CHATHAM UU
99 DINNER, CHECK-IN

SUNDAY, 10/16

7:30 AM-- QUAKER-STYLE MEETING
8-8:30 AM-- BREAKFAST
8:30-9 AM-- PACK UP, CLEANUP
9-9:15 AM-- DRIVE TO GEORGE RYDER RD.
9:15-10:15-- WALK TO CHATHAM UU --(ONLY ABOUT A MILE)
10:30-11:30-- SUNDAY SERVICE
NOON — FINAL CIRCLE



WILPF'S POSTCARD ACTION

The following is a full description of WILPF's postcard action for October. Our chapter has participated in an August and September action so far. The postcards are written by us each month, collected and mailed back to the national office to be hand-delivered to our representatives. We will write postcards at our program meeting, Oct. 11, and at Barb Steinau's letter writing and postcard monthly session, Oct. 17 at 5:30, 115 N. Devon Rd., N. Eastham or call Dianne Ashley, 508-255-0250, to arrange, another time.

WILPF Make Peace a Reality

WRITE NOW

Fall, 2005 POST CARD ACTION

PURPOSE: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom is deeply committed to ending the illegal occupation of Iraq and seeks to generate greater bi-partisan action from Congress to initiate the complete withdrawal of U.S. Troops from Iraq. In conjunction with the WILPF campaign *Women Challenge U.S. Policy Building Peace and Justice in the Middle East*, we believe the occupations of Iraq, Afghanistan and Palestine are not only illegal they are immoral.

ACTION: Write your House Representative to co-sponsor H.J. Resolution 55, Homeward Bound, a joint resolution requiring the President to develop and implement a plan for the withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from Iraq.

BACKGROUND: This bill is an organizing tool for congress to publicly confront its position on the war and develop a saner perspective regarding the war's financial and human cost. Primarily, it forces the initiation of an exit strategy that presently does not exist.

In June, House Democrats Neil Abercrombie, Dennis Kucinich, Martin Meehan, Barbara Lee and Lynn Woolsey, and House Republicans Ron Paul and Walter Jones introduced a bi-partisan bill to initiate an end to the War in Iraq. The bill was then referred to the Committee on International Relations and to the Committee on Armed Services. Four months later, H.J. Resolution 55 has 60 co-sponsors, but requires many more in order for the Speaker to bring it back to the house floor.

Resolution 55 calls for the following: (1) Announce, not later than December 31, 2005, a plan for the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from Iraq; (2) at the earliest possible date, turn over all military operations in Iraq to the elected Government of Iraq and provide for the prompt and orderly withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from Iraq; and (3) initiate such a withdrawal as soon as possible, but not later than October 1, 2006.

Resolution 55 is built in part on the following congressional findings:

1. The White House cited Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction as a primary reason for the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq. Then, On January 12, 2005, the President officially declared an end to the search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.



WILPF'S POSTCARD ACTION, *continued*

2. More than \$200 billion has been appropriated by Congress to fund military operations and reconstruction in Iraq.
3. More than 1,900 members of the United States Armed Forces have been killed and more than 14,600 members of the Armed Forces have been wounded in substantially accomplishing the stated purpose of the United States of giving the people of Iraq a reasonable opportunity to decide their own future.
4. The United States military occupation of Iraq has placed significant strain on the capacity of the United States Armed Forces, both active duty and reserve.

WILPF recognizes that Resolution 55, Homeward Bound is the most effective vehicle the nation has to hasten the end of the war in Iraq. The bill's bi-partisan sponsorship makes criticism of the war impossible for the White House to ignore. An even broader base of co-sponsors will generate desperately needed media attention that will ultimately galvanize U. out for peace.

TALKUNG POINTS FOR H.J. RESOLUTION 55

Why Support This Resolution?

- ◆ H.J. Res. 55, The Homeward Bound Act, is the first bi-partisan effort to bring our troops home from Iraq.
- ◆ As of October 3rd 2005, U.S. service fatalities reached 1,939. Approximately 100,000 Iraqi civilians have been killed. There is no end in sight. The Insurgency is slowly and steadily growing in size and sophistication. The U.S. cannot win against an insurgency that can be continually replenished and is fueled by our presence.
- ◆ The resolution does not set a date for the completion of a withdrawal, only the beginning of a withdrawal. It allows the flexibility to conduct the withdrawal safely and transfer security responsibilities to the Iraqis in an orderly way.
- ◆ U.S. troops already know that our presence is not going to be permanent. Setting a date for beginning our exit gives the troops and their families hope that the endless rotations will end.
- ◆ The Iraqi people don't know whether the U. S. occupation is permanent or temporary . Setting a date for withdrawal will defuse the widespread resentment and hostility directed at the U.S. that encourages many people to join the insurgency.
- ◆ More than \$200 billion has been appropriated by Congress to fund military operations and reconstruction in Iraq. The financial cost of the war in Iraq is draining the country of much needed funds to maintain our own infrastructure.



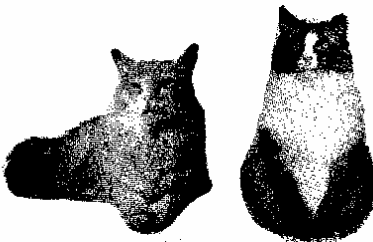
REPORT OF DECISIONS FROM THE POTLUCK AND PLANNING MEETING, 9/27

In attendance: Nancy Munger, Lynn Hiller, Elenita Muniz, Laurie Gates, Barb Steinau, and Mary Zepernick

1. New WILPF brochures will be stamped with contact information.
2. Nancy Munger will bring media contact list to next program meeting.
3. Bulletin boards will be displayed at program meeting. Poster boards will update working group activities: Save the Water, Human Rights Commission, Cape Care (Health Plan for all Cape and Island Residents). Also posted will be our mission statement and goals.
4. Treasurer's report and potluck planning meeting decisions will be published in the newsletter and on the website.
5. Items for Potluck and Planning should go to Nancy Munger (mungbean54@hotmail.com).
6. The usual format for program meeting will be potluck, check-in, program/discussion (one hour), brief business meeting, and checkout. The format is subject to change in case of special circumstances.
7. A list of possible discussion topics for the program meeting will be posted for people to contribute to.

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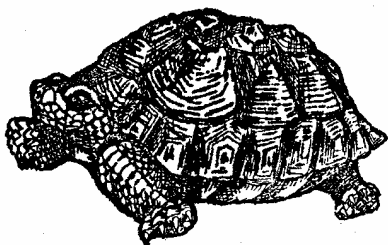
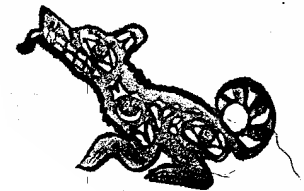
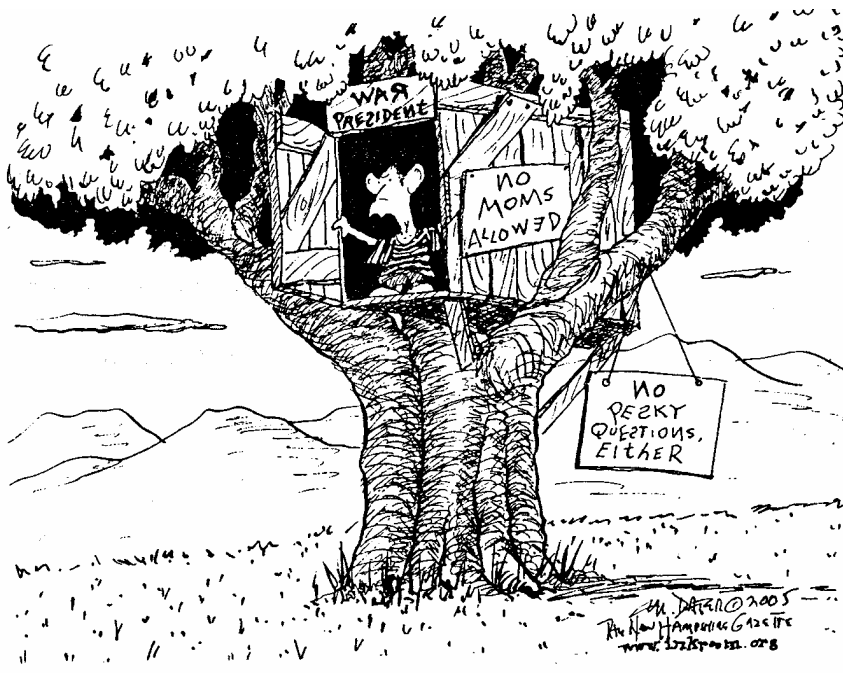
Helen Helfer, who will be much missed on Cape Cod, reports that she arrived safely in Santa Fe. She and the cats are settling in and exploring their new surroundings. Helen was asked to join the Jane Adams Peace Association Board, so she'll be contributing her time and skills to WILPF's financial matters. Her new contact information is 3076 Plaza' Blanca, Santa Fe, NM 87505. 505-471-0776 (no email as yet).



NEW MEETING PATTERN

At our annual branch planning retreat last month, we decided on a different meeting pattern and format, with the second Tuesday primarily a program/political discussion and the fourth Tuesday a planning/decision-making meeting. Both, of course, include a potluck!

The program on Tuesday, October 11, 6 p.m. potluck, will focus on the issue of torture, and on the Walk to End Torture, October 13-16. Everyone is also welcome to attend, discuss, and participate in branch decisions at the planning meeting, October 25, 6 p.m. potluck, at Laurie Gates' in South Chatham; 508-432-4245 for directions.



UNFORTUNATELY, HISTORY HAS SET THE RECORD A LITTLE TOO STRAIGHT.



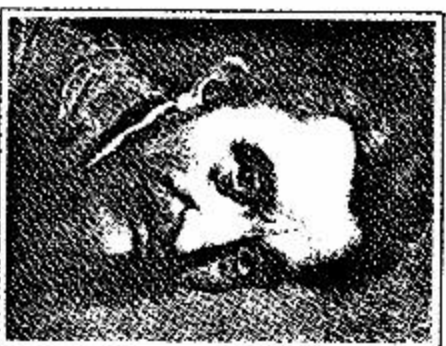
James Baldwin/Writer
1924 - 1987



Willa Cather/Writer
1873 - 1947



Errol Flynn/Actor
1909 - 1959



Michelangelo/Artist
1475 - 1564



Edna St. Vincent Millay/Poet
1892 - 1950



Cole Porter/Composer
1891 - 1964



Eleanor Roosevelt/Social Activist
1884 - 1962



Bessie Smith/Singer
1894 - 1937



Walt Whitman/Poet
1819 - 1892



Virginia Woolf/Writer
1882 - 1941

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom: Cape Cod Branch
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♀ CAPE COD BRANCH NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION:
 Member: sliding scale \$5 to \$50 _____
 Non-member: \$25

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Send form & check, payable to WILPF, Sandy Nichols, 320 Wood Rd., S. Yarmouth MA 02664.

Since its founding in 1915, the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom has connected women around the world in affirming that peace and justice are inseparable. Two of our founders, Jane Addams and Emily Greene Balch, were awarded Nobel Peace Prizes. WILPF has sections in 30 countries, branches in over 30 U.S. states, and consultative status at the United Nations. We continue to take action based on the interconnections of war, poverty, racism, sexism, heterosexism, classism, and economic exploitation as forms of violence in our countries and communities.

For more information, visit www.wilpfcapecod.org or call one of the **2005-2006 branch conveners**: Jackie Fields, 420-4143; Nancy Munger, 255-6869; Mary Zepernick, 398-1023



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