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Cape Cod WILPF

September 2005

Dear WILPF Members & Supporters,

As the new branch membership coordinators, we are sending out these notes from the annual Hawks Nest planning retreat to the current list of subscribers, plus everyone who signed our mailing list at an event in the past year. We hope you will use the form on the back page to join, renew and/or subscribe to the branch newsletter. Please call one of us if you have questions about our process.

This newsletter is full of news and activities to start the 2005-2006 program year. Come to branch meetings, the march on Washington, and other events throughout the fall. As you will see, we have changed our meeting pattern to address the need for more political discussion and planning. Many of us were energized by the Labor Day demonstration along the Mid-Cape Highway -- important for us as well as departing tourists, at a time when horror piles on outrage at home and abroad.

The "natural" disaster of the hurricane was anything but, compounded as it was by decades of destruction of the Mississippi Delta by the Army Corps of Engineers; the failure of Congress and the Administration to appropriate funds to deal with the ample warnings of impending disaster; and the inept and heartless federal response to the obvious emergency. Candace Perry's mother evacuated safely, and we welcome her -- and all newcomers -- to our community.

For peace & justice,

Laurie

Laurie Gates, 508-432-4245

Mary

Mary Zepernick, 508-398-1023

DECISIONS

***This year we are trying a different meeting pattern and format (some may recall a version some while ago): Our **monthly potluck** will continue on the second Tuesday at the Harwich Community Center on Oak Street (between Queen Anne Road & Route 39, across from the high school). Dinner will be from 6:00 to 6:45, followed by a program/political discussion -- with a minimum of business -- until 8:30. Another monthly meeting will include the "**functionaries**," those who fill specific functions in the branch. This will take place in a home, perhaps on a rotating basis in order to be accessible to different parts of the Cape, the this is when the bulk of the branch business/decisions will take place. **Everyone is welcome to participate in these discussions and decisions.** The date will be determined at our first meeting, September 13.

*** Our branch will participate in the U.S. Section WILPF's postcard action: Make Peace a Reality -- Write Now! Periodic mailings will include postcards on specific issues on which we are lobbying. We will sign cards and get signatures from others, then send them back to the Philadelphia office. They will be taken to Washington and presented to our congressional delegation, with an explanation of WILPF's position.

*** We are co-sponsoring a celebration of the **60th anniversary of the United Nations** (WILPF was the first women's organization to receive consultative status at the U.N.). It will take place October 1; see calendar for details.



*** We will co-sponsor a conference on water in New Hampshire on October 22; Nancy Munger will be our contact.

*** In response to our June evaluation wanting more connection with the "Global South," we are going to explore developing an ongoing relation with the WILPF section in Colombia; see calendar for an exploratory meeting.

*** We will focus efforts on reaching more young people. Brainstorming produced ideas on ways to do this, plus suggestions to develop a speakers bureau on the Middle East and on water; produce a branch t-shirt and/or umbrella; hold more Raging Grannies actions; and more.

REPORTS

U.S. Section WILPF Congress, San Francisco, August 1--14:



Laurie Gates and Elenita Muniz, program chairs of the Congress, received accolades for their superb planning and facilitation of this four-day event. They will report in more detail at the September 13 branch meeting -- along with Mia and Emma Mitchell, who attended the Leadership Institute.

Grassroots fundraiser Kim Klein gave a rousing talk, and \$50,000 was raised at WILPF's 90th birthday party, to exceed a \$45,000 matching grant. Many people became life members (\$500). WILPF has come of cy-berage, with a blog at wilpf.blogspot.com. Those who want to write less than every two weeks can send their contribution to cjminster@gmail.com.

The two new national campaigns, decided on early this year by WILPF members, were launched. **Women Challenge US Policy: Building Peace in the Middle East** will begin with education and outreach, using the Listening Project as a way to talk with people about the issues. **Save the Water** features the nine-session curriculum designed by the Cape Cod WILPF WaterWomen, which was very well received. Additional materials are being developed, including a rights-based workshop and a tapestry portraying "the Commons." See the calendar for information on an upcoming meeting for those interested in a fall study group on water.

Plans are underway for a Northeast WILPF gathering in the spring.

Human Rights Commission:

Jackie Fields presented at Congress a case study on the process of establishing a Human Rights Commission on Cape Cod. Many people, including Jackie, Helen Helfer and other WILPFers, have worked hard on this effort, and the Commission is now part of county government. However, the work goes on as our branch continues to support this evolving and critical project. We are also supporting the work of Boston WILPF on CEDAW, the still-unratified U.N. Convention to End All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

We the People v. Corporate Rule:

Mary Zep reported that this group, a joint project with Cape Codders for Peace & Justice, grew out of WILPF's six-year campaign to Challenge Corporate Power, Assert the People's Rights (now the Corporations v. Democracy issue committee). We the People meets the third Saturday, 9:30-11:30, at the Wellfleet Library, and will be asking for WILPF support for **town resolutions on Cape Care**, the proposed community-owned health insurance plan to cover everyone on the Cape and Islands. The group is also making town officials aware of undemocratic changes in the disposal of state-owned lands.

Functionaries

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Cheers to Lynn Hiller, who has so ably organized our budget decision-making process and general financial stability, and who recruited and will work with Sandra to keep us in balance!

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Visit and contribute to our website; send articles, photos, announcements to rachelcrosby@comcast.net. Roses to Rachel for her work on this!

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 11: WILPFers Nancy Douttiel & Diane Willcox are speaking on “Religion, Politics, and Same-Gender Marriage” (see flyer).

Tuesday, September 13: Branch meeting, 6 p.m. potluck, Harwich Community Center (see page 2 for directions). The agenda will include further reporting on the WILPF Congress, especially from Mia and Emma Mitchell on the Leadership Institute, and follow-up to the retreat.

Wednesday, September 14: MA Constitutional Convention; support MassEquality on Equal Marriage; there’s still space on the bus (see flyer).

Saturday, September 17: We the People v. Corporate Rule; see reports.

Wednesday, September 21: AU REVOIR to Helen Helfer, a stalwart WILPF & CCPJ member who is moving her organizing skills to Santa Fe; 5:30 potluck at Mary Zep’s, 314 Wood Rd., S. Yarmouth, 508-398-1023.

Thursday, September 22: Meeting to set up a Save the Water study group; Laurie Gates’ house, 7 p.m. Call Laurie, 508-432-4245, for directions or to indicate your interest in case you can’t attend the meeting.

Saturday, September 24: Demonstration in Washington to **END THE WAR ON IRAQ!** Copy & distribute the flyer, and call Sandra, 508-349-2202, or Lynn, 508-349-7355, for financial support from the branch. Also, thanks to Elenita Muniz for the ribbon flyer for your car or house windows.

Saturday, October 1: U.N. 60th Anniversary, to benefit UNICEF; Cape Cod Community College, 9:30 coffee & cake; 10 a.m. Michael Dukakis, former MA governor and presidential candidate, will speak.

Saturday, October 1: Fourth annual **People of the First Light** Ally bike ride and walk, to support the Wampanoag Housing Project; sponsored by First Parish, Brewster, One Earth, One People social justice group; meet at Nickerson State Park on Route 6A in Brewster, 8:30 a.m. orientation.

Tuesday, October 11: Branch meeting, 6 p.m. potluck, Harwich Community Center.

Thursday, October 13: Walk to End Torture begins in Provincetown and ends at the Chatham Unitarian-Universalist church on Sunday, October 16. Call Chuck Madansky, 508-896-9489, for details.

MORE CALENDAR

A dance to celebrate diversity!

Senior Prom

Friday, October 14, 2005

7:30 pm to 11:30 pm

Music by Beth, Cape Spin Mobile DJ

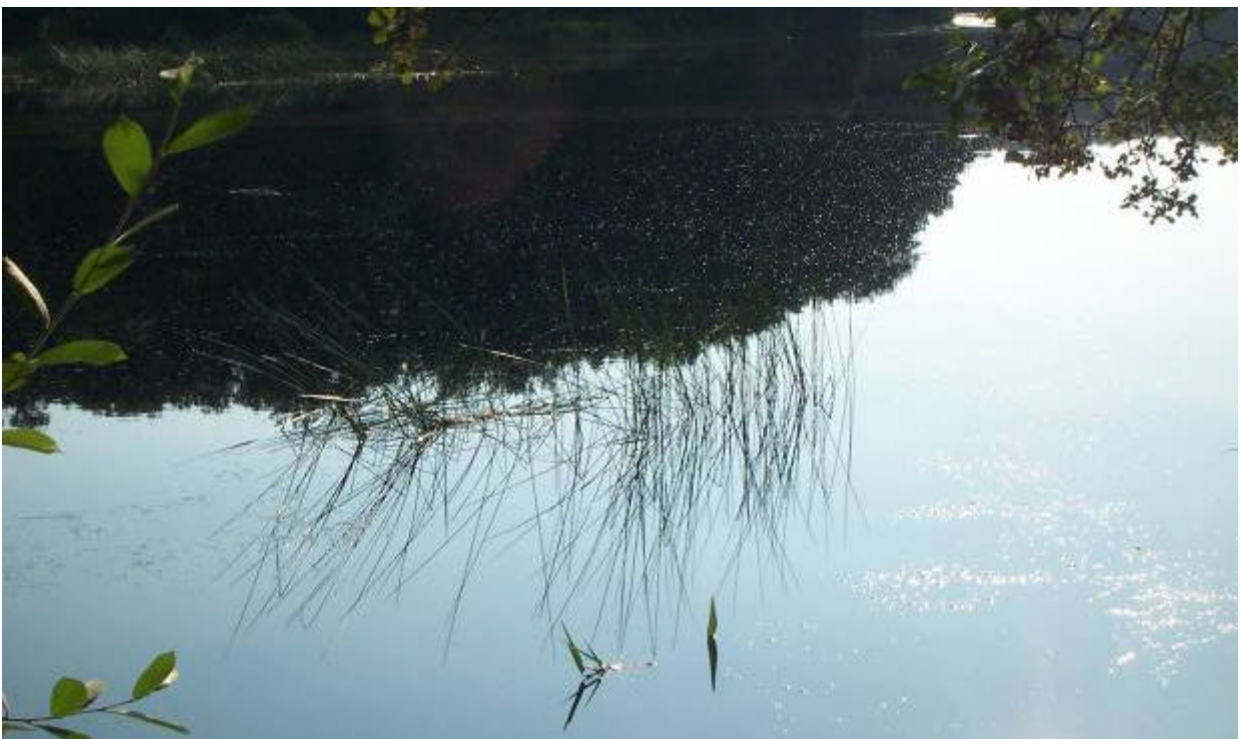


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the Senior Center.

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Saturday, October 15: We the People v. Corporate Rule; see reports.

Saturday, October 22: Conference on water, Manchester NH; call Nancy Munger, 508-255-6869 for information and transportation.

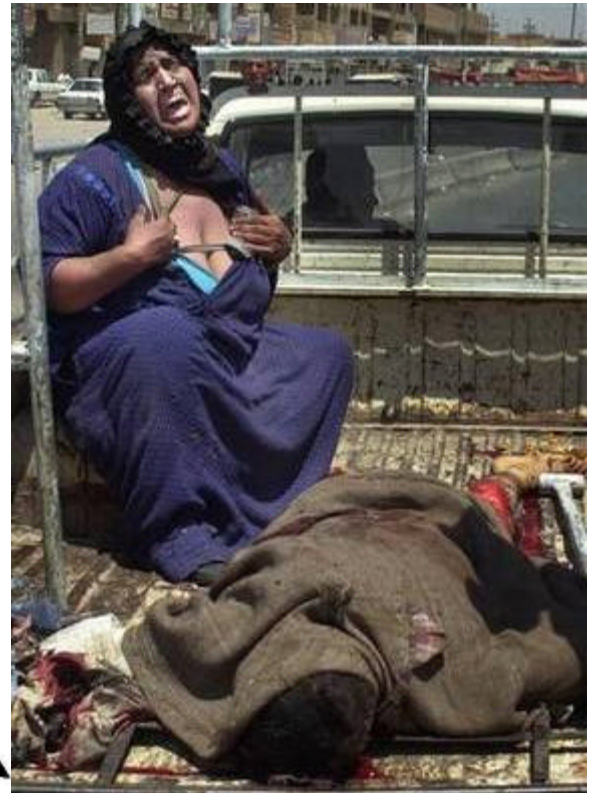




We are One people on One Earth.
 All life is sacred.
 We cherish and protect our
 Mother Earth,
 Father Sky, and Sacred Waters.
 The generations of humankind from the
 Four Directions must live in harmony
 and balance with each other
 and all living things.
 We are all related.
 We respect and honor the
 sacredness
 of all life and all creation
 so Seven Generations
 from each generation,
 unborn future generations
 will live.
 Seven eagle feathers represent
 future generations and sacred
 ceremonies.
 They carry our prayer to Creator.
 We pray that Mother Earth and all her children
 will live.

It is one prayer.

PEACE



OUR STYLE DIFFERS FROM OUR
FOREMOTHERS'
BUT WILPF'S PRINCIPLES REMAIN THE SAME.



WE ARE PROUD OF WILPF'S 90 YEARS OF
LAYING BARE THE LIES OF THE POWERFUL,
WITH A CHEEKY AND COURAGEOUS SPIRIT!

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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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