

Undaunted Dove



WILPF Makes the Connections!

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Put Your Money Where Your ♥ Is, the October WILPF Program

by Randa Solick

In a small village in Chile, a coal mine, financed by Bank of America, despoils the air, the water, and the fishing . You can help stop this kind of ravaging of people’s lives and environment - put your money into your own community, instead of giving it to multinational banks which invest it in ways you would never dream of supporting.

You are invited to come hear from representatives of Santa Cruz’s two credit unions and two local banks. Staff members of the SC Community Credit Union, Bay Federal Credit Union, Lighthouse Bank and SC County Bank will talk about how they support our community. You will also see local surfer and environmentalist Kyle Thiermann’s terrific short video on that village in Chile and why he concludes we should be banking locally.

Join us Tuesday, October 20th , at 7 p.m. at the Quaker Meeting House, 225 Rooney St. (at the end of Morrissey). Call 457-6797 for information or to arrange rides.

Support WILPF and Our Causes

Think Local First! Shop local, bank local. See above and Page 4 ● Attend the *Member Meeting!* See above ● *Table* for health care and *Address issues of racism!* Join the Beloved Community. See page 3 ● Learn about *water issues* and why *Corporations and Democracy* Branch by purchasing our wonderful energy to our Branch! Attend a to WILPF! See page 7 ● *Renew membership* promptly! See label on back page and page 7



other WILPF issues! See back page ● WILPF national group, Building the Join the *Middle East Cluster*. See page 5 WILPF cares. See pages 2-3 ● Join our Committee! See page 4 ● Support our *Resource* items! See page 7 ● Bring your *Planning* meeting. See this page ● *Donate*

- Oct. 10: Branch Planning Committee, second Saturday mornings. All welcome. Jan Harwood @ 471-9992
- Oct. 7: Teaching cooperation & peace to Jewish & Arab Israeli children, panel. 7:30 p.m. Inner Light, Soquel
- Oct. 7: Afghanistan 8 years later with Stephen Zunes. 7 p.m. at Vet’s Hall, Santa Cruz. RCNV 423-1626
- Oct. 14: “Will to Resist: Soldiers who refuse to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan”, 7 p.m., Vet’s Hall, Santa Cruz
- Oct 17: Anti-War Rally & March in San Francisco. 11 a.m. at UN Plaza. Information 510-268-9429
- Oct 19: Gaza Freedom March fund raiser. 6:15 p.m. Capitola Book Café cafe.
- Oct 19: Col. Ann Wright’s “Dissent: Voices of Conscience” book reading. 7:30 p.m. Capitola Book Café
- Oct 20: Branch Public Meeting, third Tuesday evenings. Quaker Meeting House. Info & Rides 457-6797

Water Splashes

by Jan Harwood and Randa Solick

The SC WILPF water committee invites you to join us! Here is a summary of what we are doing.

Locally

- We are monitoring the progress of the desalination project in Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz and Soquel Creek Water Districts (SCWD2) seem to be trying to put this together in an environmentally sound way, regarding energy (solar, we hope), entrainment (the destruction of small fish and other tiny sea life by the system's filters), brine disposal, population and building growth, and finding appropriate sound-insulating techniques. It will be a three-year development process; public input is invited.
- We will work to have public water--not bottled water--included in the new "Farm to School" healthy foods program.
- We have accepted the generous offer of Arlos Anderson, of Blue Lotus Water company, to give us a filtering system for use at local public events. He has also offered to help some of the local schools put filters on their classroom fountains. A phone call thanking him (831) 688-7764 or an e-mail arlos@bluelotusaquatics.com would be welcome.

Statewide

- We are monitoring the state of California's water infrastructure - the state legislature is, according to the Sentinel of 9/9/09, trying to "craft a wide-ranging solution to the state's water problems ... but the bipartisan committee formed to address how California stores, manages and uses water is running into negotiating troubles."

This April, National WILPF wrote the following to the California Legislature: "AB 1242 establishes a right to water for basic human needs as a policy of the state of California. By doing so, and requiring that State Agencies comply, AB 1242 will ensure that future regulations, grant programs, and agency practices are designed to move California forward towards a day when everyone in California can safely fill a glass of water from their tap and drink it without fear of becoming sick. AB 1242 will not only affect Californians, but will also set an important precedent for the human right to water in the United States and internationally, and we urge you to pass this legislation."

- The Governor's plan to expand the peripheral canal seems designed to supply big agriculture with the water they need at the expense of the Delta. To understand this complex issue better, e-mail Nancy Price of the national WILPF water committee, who has a good understanding of the issue: nancytprice@juno.com

Nationally

- We continue to oppose water privatization, including national legislation that pushes water privatization through foreign aid, and public-private partnerships, which have been used in the U.S. and abroad to privatize municipal water systems.
- At our urging, Congressman Farr committed to supporting the "Water Protection and Reinvestment Act", HR 3202, bipartisan legislation introduced by Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D- OR) , to establish a Water Trust Fund for investing in America's broken drinking water and sewage treatment systems. It establishes a \$10 billion annual fund for repairing America's corroded pipes and overburdened sewer systems, helping communities keep their water public, give their people an alternative to buying unhealthy, expensive bottled water, help stop the pollution from the manufacturing and transportation of bottled water, and give communities money to pay for clean public water. Please express your support for this proposal with postcards and phone calls to Speaker Pelosi, Chairman Oberstar, and Chairman Waxman, {Ed: get contact info from Randa} include some of the following language from the letter by Food and Water Watch, which WILPF has signed onto: -see next page-

“It is essential that a Clean Water Trust Fund only be used to support our public water systems, not subsidize the profits of private water companies and we urge amendments to guarantee that trust fund dollars only be used to support publicly-owned systems. For systems that are currently private, trust fund money should be available to local governments to support the remunicipalization of private systems.

Public utilities provide service that is better, cheaper, and more efficient than private companies. Public utilities are more responsive to the needs of the taxpayers and ratepayers who utilize the system. Public companies are managed by officials who live in the community and are accountable to councils elected by ratepayers. Private companies are managed by people who live outside of the community— and thereby are not affected by poor water quality or service--and answer to their shareholders. Privatization is not the model for water and wastewater system rejuvenation. From high costs and inefficiency to unaccountable and irresponsible operators, a deluge of problems has swamped communities that turned to the private sector. We urge you to support the creation of a Clean Water Trust Fund that protects our publicly owned water and wastewater systems.”

Internationally

- We continue to collect [signatures on our petition](#) to the United Nations to recognize water as a human right -- something that was left off the original UN charter and needs to be included now.
- Keeping water public is a continuing issue in developing countries: we note such events as a recent “Democracy Now” exposure of the exploitation of Fiji’s water supply by the military regime in Fiji.

Dove Editor: to join the Water Committee, or for information, contact Randa at 662-3349, rsolick@gmail.com.

We're on a Bowl Again

for WomenCARE. The 13th Annual STRIKE OUT AGAINST CANCER Bowling Benefit will be held on Saturday, October 24th, 2009 at the Boardwalk Bowl. WILPF has participated for a lot of years now, it's tradition. Save the date, call Marilyn to be on the fun loving team (475-7609) and help by donating in support of WomenCARE, all of whose valuable services are offered free to families and friends in need.

One Voice

Lorene Garrett-Browder

As a woman of color, I am concerned about the fear, racism, and hate that I see, and hear talked about on the television news programs, and in our communities.

I see adults carrying guns, and feeling within their right to do so, as if they have no remembrance of our history, that we kill each other, and our presidents if we don't agree with them. I saw on CNN a preacher advocate for the death of the president, as well as yell hate words at a gay person who was interviewing him, advocating that he get cancer, as well as accusing him of being a child molester.

We believe that it is okay to disrespect the president, and therefore proceed to disrespect each other. Are we watching, and listening, and choosing not to speak up? Where are our voices?

Why aren't we saying no with our voices to Fox News and their hate speech? Why aren't we saying no to disrespecting the president? Why aren't we saying no to legislators that spread hate, and fear? And why aren't we saying no to those who attempt to control us through drowning out our voices, or those who believe that the more money that is put into deflecting anything the president does will be a just action?

We are a country that forgets that we had a civil rights movement, slavery, and injustices that many had to fight against in the United States. And those that came to the United States from other countries to be a part of the American dream had to fight for it, and yet we spread fear, hate, and destruction because we want our America back, what America is that? Is it one with without a black president leading us? Yes, our president has shown us the extent of our racism, and hate in this country.

We must use our voices boldly, loudly again, and again, and take actions from a place of strength, and peace, and not from a place of “there's nothing that I can do” stance.

Dove Editor: consider joining WILPF's Building the Beloved Community where this issue is discussed. To join, email Vickie Fouts, <socialjustice@sti.net>

WILPF joins Think Local First!

by Randa Solick

WILPF Santa Cruz is focusing much of our energy on curbing the power of corporations over our lives, our communities and our democracy. Although nothing short of abolishing corporate personhood will really restore control of our democracy to the people, we are convinced that an important step in that direction is to promote and support alternatives to mega-corporations.

For that reason, we have joined Think Local First as a full member and you'll be seeing this logo in our newsletter.



Think Local First is the fast-growing voice for locally owned businesses in Santa Cruz County. A totally volunteer organization, it promotes the understanding that buying from independent and locally owned businesses benefits our local Santa Cruz economy.

We urge you to join the "I Think Local First" campaign to keep your dollars in our local economy, preserve our county's unique character and because local business owners are our neighbors and friends.

Learn more about Think Local First at <http://www.thinklocalfirstsantacruz.org/> or email the WILPF Corporation Committee at wilpf.news@calcentral.com or call Randa at 662-3349.

Restore Democracy/Curb Corporate Power Committee Report

by Randa Solick

While the summer hiatus slowed the committee down, it didn't stop the activities.

~ The committee planned the September general meeting which featured a panel of local grocery store owners describing the challenges of competing with mega-corporate food outlets like Safeway, Whole Foods and Trader Joes.

~ Committee members have helped local surfer and environmentalist Kyle Thiermann promote his video that makes a case for banking with local financial institutions. The video can be seen at <http://www.claimyourchange.org>

~ Sub-committee members working on an ordinance to ban chemical trespass in Santa Cruz, have met with city council members and other community people to get input on the feasibility of the ordinance.

~ A sub-committee is actively promoting Think Local First among Santa Cruz organizations and non-profits.

~ The committee is planning the October general meeting which will feature Santa Cruz banks and credit unions.



"America's corporations are a spiritual slum, and their arrogance is the major threat to our future as a free society"

Saul Alinsky, 1971

"Did you every expect a corporation to have a conscience, when it has no soul to be damned, and no body to be kicked?"

Edward Thurlow, Lord Chancellor of Engalnd, 1731-1806

International WILPF = Opportunity

by Joyce McLean

Jane Addams, WILPF's Nobel first president, when asked why people should join WILPF answered: for the opportunity.

So it is today. We who have boundless concern for peace and justice issues but very finite time and energy, by joining and supporting WILPF through our membership dues participate worldwide in the struggles for a better world. Our International staff who work out of the Jane Addams Peace Association office (across from the UN in NYC) keeps us up to date with women's movements in Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Honduras and Zimbabwe. They are key informers in the campaign of getting the UN to establish a special Women's Rights Agency. Our Geneva office staff and interns represent us at all the UN aspects centered there.

As we plot and plan for effective actions to secure justice in the MidEast our three Sections there (Lebanon, Israel and Palestine) plus Norwegian and German members of the International Mid East Committee join us in efforts to amend the present US support of Israel through arms and money despite its flouting of UN rules and resolutions.

During a Congressional Town Hall meeting on the Bosnian War, our then chair Kathleen Hughes evoked an astonished gasp from the Civic Auditorium filled audience when she included in our WILPF testimony statements from our Albanian Section.

I first found WILPF in West Australia, knowledgeable women working to keep Australia US base free and working for services for Aborigines. The first WILPF Aboriginal woman I actually met however was not in Perth but years later at a meeting in Aotearoa (Maori name for what we call New Zealand). The theme was on South Pacific Indigenous People's stories and concerns, and held on Maori section of an Auckland university.

Whatever the level of participation is yours in our Santa Cruz Branch remember that all over the globe women work in your name as we do in theirs locally.
We are International!

Dove Editor: should we offer hard copy reports from UN or Geneva office and maybe the IPU to members without computer access? Let us know!

Shalom Salaam Peace

by Margaret Knight, Middle East Cluster

Wars and military occupations are profitable which is why peace can be so elusive in the Middle East. Here are excerpts from an article last May in Ha'aretz, one of Israel's leading newspapers by Israeli journalist Amira Hass.

"The security industry (in Israel) is an important export branch—weapons, ammunition and refinements that are tested daily in Gaza and the West Bank...Protecting the settlements requires constant development of security, surveillance and deterrence equipment such as fences, roadblocks, electronic surveillance cameras and robots. These are security's cutting edge in the developed world and serve banks, companies and luxury neighborhoods next to shantytowns and ethnic enclaves where rebellions must be suppressed.

"Maintaining the occupation and a state of non-peace employs hundreds of thousands of Israelis. Some 70,000 people work in the security industry. Each year tens of thousands finish their army service with special skills or a desirable sideline. For thousands it becomes their main career: professional soldiers. Shin Bet operatives, foreign consultants, mercenaries, weapons dealers. Therefore peace endangers the careers and professional futures of an important and prestigious stratum of Israelis, a stratum that has a major influence on the government.

"A peace agreement would require equal distribution of water resources throughout the country (from the river to the sea) between Jews and Palestinians, regardless of desalination of seawater and water-saving techniques. Even now it is hard for Israelis to get used to saving water because of the drought. It's not difficult to guess how traumatic a slash in water consumption to equalize distribution would be.

"...(West Bank) settlements flourish as the welfare state contracts. They offer ordinary people what their salaries would not allow them in sovereign Israel: cheap land, large homes, benefits, subsidies, wide-open spaces, a view, a superior road network and quality education.

"Peace will also reduce, if not erase entirely, the security pretext for discriminating against Palestinian Israelis—in land distribution, development resources, education, health employment and civil rights..."

Don't we have the same problems? Our military involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan profit not only the defense industry itself but also communities in 44 states dependent on the defense industry, military bases, and civilian contractors.

Dove Editor: Consider joining the Middle East Cluster. Please contact Margaret at 421-0434 or maknight@ebold.com

More Branch Memories ...

Dear wonderful, powerful and persistent WILPF:

Sandy Silver's article on SC Branch past stirred my memories.

We were here when the Branch was formed. In our late 20s and early 30s we had experienced McCarthyism and the House Committee on Un-American Activities, which those of us who opposed such witch hunts called HUAC, the House Unamerican Activity Committee.

We were living in the "defense basin" around Palo Alto during the insanity of "duck and cover" in schools, fallout shelters promoted for homes, and, in one "think tank/research company" discussions about who would be kept out of the company shelters when the bomb dropped.

I joined WILPF then and a number of us joined Ira Sandperl in demonstrating against the fall out shelter mania. My husband, Dan, was a State employee so we had more freedom than most to be "subversive" and "unamerican".

As things looked worse we decided to take our three children and move to New Zealand or Australia. In 1962 we got as far as Santa Cruz, where a John Birch group called "The Active Conservatives" had formed. A counter group calling itself active liberals became an ACLU Chapter. A peace group out of The Friends was active. The Unitarian Fellowship was just being formed. NAACP was well established. A very liberal group of Democrats put up a congressional campaign for a "peace candidate".

And WILPF members formed a Branch. There were not very many of us in all these groups, but we had programs and demonstrations, which the same small group of people would organize and attend. We activists did make an impact.

Santa Cruz had fewer people then, and it has been a pleasure to see so many good organizations form and be active as the population has grown.

Here are names of some of the older women who worked hard and organized, and who inspired us young adults: Augusta Trumpler, Margeret Lyons/Schaeffer, Dorothy Pollock and her sister Laura King. Laura and Margeret had lost their fiancées in

Getting to know you

by Ruth Hunter

Quietly, behind the WILPF scene, Roz Hastings keeps the membership records which include reminders to Wilpfer's to keep their dues up-to-date. Roz was describing her initial frustration when she tried to become a member. The problem was a lack of WILPF organizations in her area of Michigan. The same held true when she moved to Sacramento. Finally, Roz and Harold, her love of 40 years, moved to the Santa Cruz area.

It wasn't long before Roz became a member of the WILPF branch. This was just the beginning. Soon her name was on a number of committees including Editor of the Dove, the publicity and program committee. Her most intensive work involves keeping the membership list, itemizing the addresses, phone numbers and E-mail information and then producing mailing labels for the Dove. Roz and Harold also put together our Branch history slide show for digital projection.

Roz and Harold met when they were teaching Special Education in Mount Diablo. At one time, Roz also taught kindergarten. They found that they had common interests. One is visiting friends in San Francisco, going to museums, plays and special films. However, they do not share the love of car driving. Even though that falls to Harold, her love for gardening overshadows her few dislikes.

WILPF members are fortunate to have such a conscientious team, Roz and Harold Hastings, who oversee the smooth operation of records, Dove labels, and other related chores.



World War I. Barry Woods and Tamara Smith. Other names as time went on are Mary Duffield, Carli and Stan Stevens, Herb and Ellie Foster.

Signed, Pat Miller (aka Patricia Rayne, my middle name)
CONTINUED NEXT MONTH!

Being Resourceful

Marilyn Lucier

We've just received an order from WILPF friend, Jan Edwards, who designs and makes fine and fun (the left wing) unleaded pewter peace jewelry, ornaments and water drops. This year she's added new designs and kept many favorites. They're reasonably priced, make great gifts that like WILPF stickers and bumper stickers are easily mailed. While you're browsing the Resources Table, please take a look there (or online) at the many fine WILPF items available through Cafe Press. I'm happy to place orders for you, if we don't have the item you'd like in stock.

See you at the Resource Table or call me with your questions (475-7609.) <http://www.cafepress.com/>



Post Card to the Dove

I want to thank you for sending me all those years of the Dove whether or not I pay. So for my lapses I enclosed a \$25 check but also ask to be taken from the list. I am closing down, cutting back, etc. at my 92nd year. I've admired the SC Branch these many years---so far beyond what we do here in WILPF. I abandoned the one in Burlington and found the Central Vermont Branch more active---but it is time to let go. It always amazes me how much the Branch does and the newsletter has always been tops and I've used articles from it many times. It is a star Journal! ---Lea Wood

WILPF Pledge Form

I want to show my support by pledging \$_____ per month.

1) Please charge my VISA or MasterCard (credit or debit):

Number: _____

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Donate to (check one)

US Section of WILPF

Jane Addams Peace Assoc.

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Mail forms to
WILPF, P. O. Box 61, Santa Cruz, CA 95063

WILPF Membership Form

I want to join OR renew (check one)
the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, founded in 1915.

Pajaro Valley Branch _____

Santa Cruz Branch _____

Individuals \$35, Family \$40, Limited Income \$15

Make checks to WILPF Santa Cruz and mail to the address above. For information 457-6797.

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City _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Dues include subscription to US WILPF's Peace and Freedom, the Undaunted Dove and membership in Branch as well as the US and International WILPF.

Dove History In Octobers

excerpted by Sandy Silver

Oct. 1984: "RIBBON AROUND THE WORLD: Branch members who sew, embroider, or paint can help make banners to encircle the Pentagon next August."

"A NO-NO: We regret that one of our Branch members gave our membership list to one of the presidential campaigns. This is a violation of our policy, as our membership list is for Branch use only. We apologize to all those affected."

Oct. 1985: "CONGRATULATIONS to Melinda Rector whose creative and beautiful peace banner for the Ribbon Around the Pentagon, was chosen for the permanent collection of the Chicago Peace Museum."

"We of the Santa Cruz Branch of WILPF want to give PAT ARNOLD our whole hearted thanks for her yeoman work in organizing and carrying through the Treasure & Rummage Sale this year. ... Many thanks to the Kitchen Committee: Freda Mallen, Marilyn Rigler, Janet Quinn, Melinda Rector and Rosalind Reddick. So many people helped that we can't thank them all in this short space, but Dan Miller, Rosalie Kraft, Jane Podesta, Jake and Lilly Litsky, and Millie Carlson deserve special thanks."

October, 1989: "WILPF banners trekked down the road to Central America, mounted on the side of two convoy trucks. Come see this at the great slide show and talk which will be given by Convoyista, Valerie George."

October, 1995 "Latin America Committee: The L/A Committee has evolved over six years. It had its beginning when Ruth Hunter organized vigils every Friday at the Town Clock for the Mothers of the Disappeared of El Salvador. Those who vigiled, and others, later tabled to write postcards to our legislators, the State Department and the President to stop US funding of the El Salvador military. Since then the committee has met and tabled with information, petitions, postcards on various US/Latin America issues. The last one was to lift the US embargo from Cuba.

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Membership Report -- Roz Hastings

No new members. Another way Alice is achingly missed.... There were 8 renewals and we sent \$150.00 to National.

Tabling Report -- Jan Harwood

Special thanks to Lilly Litsky, and to Paula Kuehn, Susan Russell, Judy Geer, Martina Aznar, Cappy Israel, and me, who have been doing most of the tabling this summer. We are asking people to sign post cards directed to Obama And Feinstein:

PLEASE DO NOT DROP THE PUBLIC OPTION FROM YOUR HEALTHCARE REFORM BILL! It will be almost useless if the public option is not included. Without competition from the public sector, insurance companies will have no motivation to bring down costs or to behave more fairly, and the nation will not be able to stop the zooming costs of medical care. Affordable health care for every American should be the ultimate aim of any healthcare plan, and your reform plan would go a long way towards this goal. Please do not cave in to the naysayers of either party--the people want and desperately need the public option.