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## GARY PATTON TO SPEAK ON GLOBAL CHANGE AND TRANSPORTATION, AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP

By Celia Scott

On Tuesday June 16, 2009, at the WILPF general meeting, Gary Patton, Santa Cruz attorney with a long record of local, regional, and state public service, including 20 years on the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, will speak on a hot topic: "Global Climate Change and Transportation--What is happening and What we can do to reduce our carbon footprint." The meeting will be held at 7 P.M. at the Quaker Meeting House, 225 Rooney St., in Santa Cruz.

As former Executive Director and General Counsel of the statewide Planning and Conservation League (2005-2008), Gary Patton has the extensive experience to inform us about the ongoing implementation of AB 32, the landmark Global Warming Solutions Act. Signed into law in 2006, AB 32 states that "Global warming poses a serious threat to the economic well-being, public health, natural resources, and the environment of California." As most of us realize, the consequences of climate change are becoming all too visible in California and throughout the world, with the need for effective action more and more pressing.

The Planning and Conservation League has been conducting public workshops throughout California, focusing on global warming issues, in order to assist individuals and communities in taking action on climate change. However, given the current state of the economy, implementation of AB 32 is challenging at both the local (city and county), regional and state level. Updates on our local efforts in Santa Cruz County will be discussed at the meeting, with a focus on transportation as a component of the effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as well as social justice concerns about the impacts of climate change. Information on how individuals can reduce their carbon footprints, as well as give political support to institutional changes that need to be made at the governmental level, will be provided.....and new ideas are welcome!

Gary Patton is currently practicing law as "Of Counsel" to the law firm of Wittwer and Parkin, based in Santa Cruz. The firm specializes in environmental and public agency law. Mr. Patton is also still serving as "Special Counsel" to the state Planning and Conservation League. A California native and long-time Santa Cruz resident, he has two degrees from Stanford University

*WILPF works on issues of peace, human rights and disarmament at the local, national and international levels, participating in the ongoing international debates on peace and security issues, conflict prevention and resolution, on the elimination of all forms of discrimination, and the promotion and protection of human rights. It contributes to analysis of these issues, and through its many activities, educates, informs and mobilizes women for action everywhere.*

### CALENDAR OF WILPF AND WILPF-SPONSORED EVENTS

Tues. 6/16 7 P.M.	WILPF GENERAL MEETING GARY PATTON ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE AND TRANSPORTATION Quaker Meeting House 225 Rooney St., Santa Cruz
SUN. 6/7 10 A.M.	GAY PRIDE PARADE WILPF gather at Cathcart & Pacific (See p. 2)
Sat. 6/13 9:00 A.M.	Planning Meeting Resource Center for Non-Violence, 515 Broadway, S.C.
Sun. 6/21 3-6 P.M.	Father's Day Peace Rally US Recruiting Offices, 41st Ave. & Clares St., Capitola (See story, page 7)

(B.A., J.D.). His long public service includes serving as the Executive Director of LandWatch Monterey County (1998-2005), as well as service on numerous local, regional and state public agencies. In Santa Cruz County Gary Patton was instrumental in achieving environmental protection in our community as author of an initiative measure to preserve and protect Lighthouse Field (June 1974); author of Measure J, the Santa Cruz County Growth Management Referendum (June 1978); and author of Measure C, Santa Cruz County "Decade of the Environment Referendum" (June 1990).

We welcome Gary Patton to our June general meeting.....don't miss it!

## WILPF OFFICERS FOR 2009-10 VOTED IN; & A NOTE FROM YOUR OUTGOING EDITOR

A brief election of Santa Cruz WILPF officers at the May 19th General Meeting produced these results: Co-Chairs: Lorene Garrett-Browder and Jan Harwood; Recording Secretary: Randa Solick; Corresponding Secretary, Judy Geer. (No candidate has yet come forward for the post of Treasurer, so we are still looking for someone with some accounting experience and interest, to keep track of our books.)

I'm very pleased to say that Paul Johnson, our superlative co-chair for the past two years, and a national member of the Jane Addams Foundation, will take over the editing and publishing of the *Undaunted Dove*, which I have had the pains and pleasures of doing for the past six years. There is nobody I would trust more to inherit this labor of love, and to do a much better job of keeping the dates in the calendar straight.

I've made many mistakes, in spite of having always had a very picky attitude about perfect spelling and clear prose, (I'm not so good on numbers, the Calendar has sometimes been a mare's nest), but so many people have helped by providing information, articles, reports of meetings and conferences, heads-ups on important issues, and good letters and poetry, that getting down to the job toward the end of every month has been a satisfying part of my contribution to WILPF and its lofty and perfectly reasonable goals. Why SHOULDN'T everyone in the world have peace and freedom? And justice! Why DO such simple, basic things take so long to achieve?

Anyway, I want to thank all the WILPF members who have supported me with their tolerance, praise, help and hugs, and I know that Paul will find his path as editor strewn with the same fragrant petals. (Or at least, that you WILPFers will help move some of the boulders out of his way.) Love to you all, Jan Harwood

### MARCH WITH WILPF FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Join us in celebrating human rights. March with us in the Pride Parade Sunday June 7th. Wear your WILPF shirt and gather with others at Pacific and Cathcart around 10:00. The Parade starts at 11.

WILPF needs monitors to be able to march in the parade. Contact Ellen Murtha to volunteer so that WILPF can show its support of civil rights and liberation, 423-9788 or [efmurtha@cruzio.com](mailto:efmurtha@cruzio.com)

## DAN HIRSCH UNDERLINES NUCLEAR DANGERS IN NEW POLITICAL ERA

Dan Hirsch, distinguished lecturer at UC Santa Cruz and founder of the anti-nuclear group, Committee to Bridge the Gap,\* spoke to an intensely concerned audience at the May general WILPF meeting on Tuesday, May 19, at the Quaker Meeting House in Santa Cruz. His talk was an alert to those of us who have made assumptions about the Obama administration, that our new president is going to solve most of our big problems, including heading full-speed toward nuclear weapons abolition.

On the contrary, Hirsch said, despite President Obama's announcement that he is hoping to "abolish all nuclear weapons from the planet," he has appointed very conservative, hawkish people, many who were prominent in previous Republican administrations, to head the energy industry and the Pentagon: people who are strenuously pushing the notion that nuclear weapons are essential for defense, and that nuclear power is necessary to curb global warming. He adds that such hard-liners now head our major environmental and economic recovery programs, and while these people provide Obama with a "political cushion" against being labelled soft or weak, they "are making thousands of decisions every day that the President may not even know about." (Hirsch named dozens of these people, including their previous jobs with the State Department, Pentagon, and nuclear regulatory organizations.)

He has grave worries about a new expansion of nuclear power plants in this country--at least 34 of them are now seeking permits--which, in spite of being so prohibitively expensive, and unsafe, that private companies quit building them over 30 years ago-- may be subsidized by the Federal Government, and go on line, producing tons of enriched uranium and the "most poisonous stuff on earth," plutonium, of which, Hirsch says, we already have stockpiles enough to make thousands of new bombs. Furthermore, despite some 60 years of searching for "safe" methods of storing nuclear waste, (and at least nine \$ billion spent on the Yucca Mountain Permanent Storage Facility, now abandoned as too damp), none exists. Nuclear power plants produce the stuff it takes to make nuclear weapons, and if our country leads the way, he believes the world will be quick to follow suit.

In answer to the question of how the French nuclear power industry has prospered, providing some 60% of the country's energy, Hirsch says France stores their waste in leaky containers. He asks, "If France burned maidens to produce energy, would we do the same?" He sees no advantage in substituting plutonium for carbon in the atmosphere.

He urged us to keep bombarding the administration and Congress with our objections to a renewal of nuclear power reactors.

\*The Committee to Bridge the Gap is a non-profit nuclear policy organization focusing on issues of nuclear safety, waste disposal, proliferation and disarmament. It can be reached on-line at [committeetobridgethegap.org](http://committeetobridgethegap.org)

## MARIA BROUGH

By Jean Piraino

Maria Brough passed away Saturday, May 23. She will be remembered as the guiding force of Pajaro Valley WILPF.

Her early years of hardship in Mexico shaped her political and personal life, which was one of compassion and love.

She never waivered in her support of working people, immigrants, and especially. Latin- American solidarity movements.

She will be missed by the many people whose lives she touched. Companera Maria! Presente!

## CHARLOTTE MILLER SPITZER

Our dear WILPF friend and dedicated activist, Charlotte died very peacefully, on Wednesday, May 27, surrounded by her family.

She is survived by her children: Robin, David and Paul Keffler, and Bob and Sherry Spitzer.

She contributed so much to her community, and to WILPF over many years, and, says her son, Paul, "She was the glue that held the family together. She'll be very much missed, but she'll always live on in the minds and memories of those who knew and loved her."

(No memorial had yet been planned as of this writing.)



## ROSALIE KRAFT

The Celebration of Rosalie Kraft's Life will be held on June 13th at 2:30PM at the Unitarian Fellowship in Aptos.

Rosalie Ann Kraft died from complications of pneumonia on May 5, 2009; she was 83 years old. Daughter of Ben C. and Eleanor Reichmuth, she was born in Jacksonville, Florida but almost immediately the family moved to Denton, Montana where Ben went into wheat farming, later the insurance business, and finally became chief of Wyoming operations for the Pioneer Mutual Life Insurance Company in the years of the Great Depression. Rosalie spent an idyllic childhood growing up in Thermopolis, WY, population 4000, home of the world's largest mineral hot springs. A tomboy at heart, she loved hikes in the hills with friends and dog, was leader of a gang of pre-teen kids who played cops and robbers and cowboys and indians, and had a collection of fake pistols and toy soldiers. Who would then have believed she would be a passionate peace advocate and believer in social justice in her mature years?

...(She married Robert Kraft in) 1949, after which they departed for Whittier, CA, where Robert Bob had a teaching position at Whittier College....Rosalie was an active member of the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Santa Cruz County for more than 40 years, was President for two years in the 1980s, served on virtually every church committee, and was chair of the committee that called the Fellowship's first full-time minister in 1986. An ardent champion of world peace and social justice, she was a member of the Women's Democratic Club, the **Women's International League for Peace and Freedom**, and the UCSC Women's Club. She was part of the leadership circle of those opposed to the development of Wingspread on the Porter-Sesnon property in Aptos. She marched in opposition to the Vietnam war and did draft counseling. While living in Claremont, she led the attempt to establish a fair-housing covenant for Pomona Valley. . . .

Randa Solick recalls: "I live next to the Porter-Sesnon meadow on the south side, and Rosalie lived on the street to the north. We met many times demonstrating in the meadow - and at the teeniest parade in the world, 4th of July Aptos parade, marching against the condo development that was to be called Wingspread in our beautiful meadow. My kids would dress up as trees and flowers, and Rosalie was always there encouraging them and walking with our group of about 10 families. I was glad to have known her, although in her older years, and am sorr to hear of her passing."

## WILPF CONFERENCE ON CURBING CORPORATE POWER AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

By Joyce McLean and Randa Solick

It truly was a hats-off-hooray! event, at the WILPF Conference on Curbing Corporate Power, on May 15 and 16, at the Presbyterian Church on Melrose in Santa Cruz, as, despite a roasting temperature, a crowd of 40-some people studied and discussed how to loosen the stranglehold of corporate power. David Cobb and Kaitlin Sopoci Belknap, leaders of Democracy Unlimited Humboldt County, teamed with our branch Corporate Personhood Committee to put on this workshop. Special kudos go to Cappy Israel, Dick Vittitow, Randy Solick, Ruth Valdez, Joyce McLean, Sandy Silver and Nancy Abbey, for putting it all together and receiving a grant from U.S. WILPF to fund it.

For many people, Cobb's talk on Friday night was a first lesson in the history of legalized corporate personhood and the inequities that have ensued.

Riki Ott, the Alaskan marine toxicology expert who is demanding justice from Exxon, promoted her campaign for a constitutional amendment to ban personhood rights for corporations.

On Saturday, many people returned for workshops on the ways in which the power of corporations is involved in producing many of the evils of our times, such as our wars, and the lack of health care for all. We explored models for community change, discussed ways to empower ourselves and our allies, and made plans for future coalition meetings and events.

WILPF will keep its central position on this issue, already planning a June reunion session and a fall return visit from Riki Ott, who is one of three new members we acquired through this event.

*A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR  
NEWEST MEMBERS:*



*Artress Commesser  
Walt Froloff  
Nancy Glock-Grueneich  
Riki Ott*

*AND THANKS FOR SEVEN RENEWALS!*

## REPORT FOR NO. CALIFORNIA CLUSTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS OUR BRANCH'S MANIFOLD ACTIVISM

Our emphasis this year was on the theme of "Bringing Back our Democracy,"

During the year, we held monthly membership meetings, which are all open and advertised to the public, on the topics of :

- \*The complicated propositions on the November ballot, analyzed by Assemblyman John Laird;

- \*Post-election challenges by Assemblyman, Bill Monning; Community strategies for challenging corporate power with local action;

- \*Supporting our Latin-American Community Center, which was threatened by city budget cuts;

- \*Undoing the Bush Legacy, a challenging talk, focusing on human rights, by Ann Fagan Ginger; and

- \*The current status of nuclear power and weapons under the new Administration, by Daniel Hirsch, UCSC lecturer.

- \* We recently held a fund-raiser with Phyllis Lyon, Lesbian spokeswoman, as part of our "Courageous Women" Series.

- \*We held a major rally, march, and celebration on Inauguration Day, with hundreds of people from many different community peace and social justice groups marching and celebrating with us--at the end of the march, we had a joyous party with a band, singing, and dancing in the main streets of Santa Cruz for several hours.

- \*On Human Rights Day in November, we contributed a WILPF table, a speech, and members in a play honoring Eleanor Roosevelt. We have a number of WILPFers involved in the Alliance for Human Rights, and we're newly energized by Ann Fagan Ginger's ideas for making our electeds live up to their obligations under existing UN treaties to make Santa Cruz a human rights city and county.

- \*Our Corporations Committee recently organized four two-hour trainings, along with MoveOn, on the economic meltdown. We had a series of four speakers over the last four months present public talks about corporate domination, beginning with a public event with Naomi Klein speaking on the topic of her book, "The Shock Doctrine: the Rise of Disaster Capitalism". These culminated this past weekend with a conference on "Rescuing Democracy, Curbing Corporate Power", well-attended by representatives of many local activist groups; the trainers were from Democracy Unlimited Humboldt County. Stay tuned.

- \* A sub-committee of our corporations committee is People Against Chemical Trespass, which is involved with a long push to educate people about how the environment and corporate power are linked. After meeting with our local city council members and other elected officials, PACT is presenting to the Santa Cruz City Council a rights-based ordinance eliminating corporate personhood rights in Santa Cruz, acknowledging the rights of nature, and redirecting pesticide decisions to us, the people - it's called the Santa Cruz Local Control, Pesticide and Chemical Trespass Ordinance, and is a template for other communities to use. (See [PeopleAgainstChemicalTrespass.org](http://PeopleAgainstChemicalTrespass.org))

- \*Our Water Committee has been working to educate the public about the waste and fraud involved in the use of plastic water-bottles, and participated in a large Earth Day fair in a local park, offering free, filtered tap-water to hundreds of fair-goers. They have plans to do this for other public events as well. We

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## PHYLLIS LYON CHARMS AND TOUCHES HEARTS AT WILPF EVENT

*(This informal review was written by Sandy Silver, the initiator and organizer of this lovely event)*

If was so much fun to see everyone leave yesterday's (May 23) program with a spring in their step and huge smiles on their faces. Thanks to Randy Solick and Nancy Abbey for doing such excellent outreach and publicity. (We got into the *Sentinel's* Best Bets column even though this busy little county of ours was sporting a Blues Festival and an Air Show and all kinds of other goings-on.) Thanks to Marilyn (Lucier), who had just arrived home from a vacation, but in typical true-to-form, she arrived early to help set up the resource table and with her omnipresent smile and warmth, responded to people's questions; Thanks to Roz Hastings for designing the lovely program and for providing us with beautiful flowers that were both colorful and oh so fragrant peonies!

As for the program itself, Ellen Murtha did us all proud in her welcoming of the audience and in her beautiful introduction of both Reverend Deborah Johnson and our courageous woman award winner - Phyllis Lyon. The Raging Grannies were in great form as they warmed up the audience with songs that had everyone laughing and smiling. (They were joined in two songs by Gail and Dinah, a married Lesbian couple of many years' standing.

As for Phyllis Lyon -- in addition to her pioneering work in the feminist and gay movements, she is an absolutely delightful, humorous, and lovely woman. I agree with Randy's description of Phyllis' personal story providing an emotional impact. I had tears in my eyes when Rev. Deb. asked Phyllis to sign the 1970's book she authored and that had made such a lasting impression on Rev. Deb.

After the program, I was told that we WILPF women provided an emotional impact on Phyllis. Apparently she had talked before a group of people in San Jose recently, and while it went well, it was "just another speech" with little audience participation. But yesterday, things were different. Phyllis was very moved when Willow (Katz) talked about how much it meant to her to have found Daughters of Bilitis, and when someone else in the audience spoke of a psychiatrist (who had been an early supporter of Lesbian rights) and when Rev. Deb spoke of how much Phyllis's book meant to her as a young teenager.

As fund raisers go, this was not a huge money-making event. But we can't always measure our "successes" in money. We gained an outpouring of appreciation, and we spread (and gained!) knowledge and goodwill.

Thanks to all of you for making such an important contribution to WILPF's social justice work.

## WILPF FOLK NEEDED TO SUPPORT KIDS AT THE 2009 JANE ADDAMS PEACE CAMP

Plans for this summer's Peace Camp are progressing well. The one week day camp, or 13th, will once again take place in Aptos at Orchard School. Family orientation and camp set-up is scheduled for August 2. The camp week is August 3-7.

There are several ways we can support Peace Camp planners, counselors and kids. Carpool drivers are needed for going to and from camp. Carpools can be shared with one volunteer driver picking up children each morning and another volunteer driving the group home.

Also needed are folks to help in the food program. That might involve requesting food donations, picking up food, and help in preparing snacks and lunch.

And funds for scholarships whether they be \$10 donations or \$150. - the cost requested for each child, are always needed. All donations over \$50 are tax deductible when made payable to the Jane Addams Peace Association, and all donations combine to make a difference so that "peace will grow through the generations."

To volunteer and to contribute, please call Gaby Litsky at 462-9023 or write Peace Camp '09, c/o Gaby Litsky, 4300 Soquel Dr. #72, Soquel, CA 95073.

## RAGING GRANNY CONCERT A ROLLICKING GOOD TIME!

The Santa Cruz WILPF Raging Grannies presented the most delightful music ever heard in this musical town, at their benefit concert for WILPF on May 30, 2009.

If you unfortunately missed it, you should know that the Grannies are now, under the inspired direction of Aileen Vance (who performed a charming solo during the concert) a disciplined, harmonious choir of beautiful voices, and of course, they presented a number of their inspiring and thoughtful songs which had the audience rocking, rolling and splitting their sides. They made lots of money for WILPF, too, and had delicious refreshments, home-made by the Grannies themselves! *(Unfortunately, at this writing, the concert hasn't happened yet, but you know we wouldn't lie; it's all true!)*



## TORTURE

By Ruth Hunter

“There comes a time when silence is betrayal...”Martin Luther King.

Torture stains the moral fiber of our country. The recent revelations began with Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, airing her denials of awareness of torture, namely, water boarding. Her denials were immediately rebuked by the head of the CIA, Leon Panetta. It would appear that her lofty office will not protect her when the truth is twisted.

It has been widely publicized that our country has shipped prisoners to "black sites," a practice commonly known as rendition, where countries are known to use torture techniques on prisoners. Under the administration of George W. Bush, *habeas corpus*, a treasured English legal entity from the 16th Century, had been suspended, until the Supreme Court ruled it beyond the power of the executive to suspend the Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land. In its place, the then-President established the Military Act of 2006, which expanded the executive powers of the Administration, stripping the right of *habeas corpus* from any detainee

at Guantanamo. Torture was approved by top officials and became an essential ingredient of the US policy in its fight against terrorism.

More revelations continue to emerge. In Amy Goodman and her brother, David's, recent book, *Standing Up To Madness*, many pages are devoted to information regarding the role of psychologists at Guantanamo during prisoners' ordeals when undergoing "enhanced interrogation." A terrible stigma attached to a once-noble profession.

In its annual report for 2008, the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR), includes a quote from the Supreme Court:

“The laws and the Constitution are designed to survive and remain in force, in extraordinary times,” (Supreme Court, June 12, 2008, *Boumediene vs. Bush*.) Maureen Dowd, *New York Times* columnist, writing about former Vice-President Dick Cheney, paraphrases him as saying, “We are prepared to sacrifice American lives rather than run an intelligent program that will provide us with the information we need to protect America.”

In conclusion, torture does more than inflict physical pain. It destroys the dignity of both the tormented and the tormentors.

## SHALOM SALAAM PEACE

### Report from the Middle East Cluster

By Margaret Knight

The Congressional Accompaniment Project seeks to show our Congressmen and/or their foreign policy aids the situation in Palestine. Although foreign policy is made in the White House and State Department it is Congress that appropriates the money, \$3 billion a year over 10 years for Israel; it is Congress that ignores Israel's illegal use of our weapons (see the May Dove); and Senators and Representatives are so susceptible to influence from powerful lobbies.

Congregational “fact-finding” trips abroad have a long, and not always favorable, tradition in the U.S. But the Congregational Accompaniment Project is different. It is financed not by tax money but by contributions from churches, peace groups and other community groups concerned with achieving a just and lasting peace for Israel and Palestine. Those interested in the project are urged to sponsor “accompaniers” to travel with their Congressmen and/or their aids on a fact-finding tour of Israel/Palestine.

The tour from August 8 to 18 will be conducted by the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem. The tour will include Palestinian refugee camps, housing demolitions, Israeli settlements, the separation wall, military checkpoints and bypass roads. The group will meet with the director of B'tselem, an Israeli human rights organization; the president of al Quds University; Family Circle, an organization of Israeli and Palestinian women; an Israeli settler and an Israeli soldier among others.

We can't all be “accompaniers” but we can all contact our legislators. Our policy in the Middle East has not been even handed. It is important to let our Representatives and Senators know we want an end to The Occupation and a just peace. Perhaps enough of us will counter the influence of the lobbyists. Access the websites for Sam Farr, Anna Eshoo, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer. Click on contact us and send them an e-mail. For more information on the Congressional Accompaniment Project contact Sue and Darrell Yeane 831-600-7088 [suedy2@comcast.net](mailto:suedy2@comcast.net).

**The WILPF Middle East cluster meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 1:00 at the Resource Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz. We meet there with the Palestine-Israel Action Committee. Everyone is welcome.**

## S.C. WILPF BRANCH ACTIVITIES

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also participate in the National WilPF water committee, which is currently designing a new water brochure, and have been invited to participate in a national Health Care conference in November in Philadelphia, focused on water.

\*A panel of WILPF committee leaders spoke at a Social Justice Conference at Cabrillo College, on various aspects of WILPF activities.

\*Our WILPF Raging Grannies have provided trenchant songs for many local events, and were recently named "Best Protest Group" by vote of Santa Cruz citizens. They are giving a major fund-raising concert for WILPF.

\*Our Resources table, tirelessly organized and staffed by Marilyn Lucier, sold WILPF and other peace-related items and literature, making a considerable profit for our fund-raising efforts.

\*We had tables offering information about WILPF and our activities at many local conferences and gatherings.

\*Our Mid-East Committee met with our local Congressman, Sam Farr, and participated with a regional Palestine/Israel committee in advocating for justice and fairness in the Gaza region. They provide regular updates on the situation to our monthly newsletter, "The Undaunted Dove," which, incidentally, went on-line this year, and now can be paperless if readers prefer it. Our website address is wilpf.got.net.

\*We participated in White Privilege, Racism workshops, and a local organization working for racial equality, and in the NAACP celebration of their 100-year anniversary, and events celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. events.

\*Paul Johnson was chosen to be on the Jane Addams Foundation Board, and, with Sandy Silver, attended a national meeting of the Board. We bought several sets of the Jane Addams Children's Book Award winners and donated them to local libraries.

\*We supported the local contingent of the Pastors for Peace Caravan to Cuba in its efforts to promote the end of the blockade, and to send supplies to Cuba.

\*A representative, Jane Doyle, participated in WILPF national conference calls.

## A FATHER'S DAY CALL FOR PEACE

From Sherry Conable

The Peace Community of Santa Cruz County invites you to:

A Vigil in Honor of Father's Day 2009

On Friday June 19th - From 4-6 P.M. In front of the Military Recruiting Center, 2121-41st Avenue, in Capitola

The wars go on, in Iraq AND in Afghanistan.

In Afghanistan, the troop levels continue to mount, and yet MANY EXPERTS who have served within the system are saying that there is NO military solution possible in Afghanistan.

Retired Army Colonel Ann Wright, who then became a career United States Diplomat and was assigned to set up the American Embassy in Afghanistan during October of 2001, has said: "President Obama is making a huge mistake. There is no military solution available in Afghanistan. Only diplomacy, negotiation, and rebuilding the government and the infrastructure can bring resolution in Afghanistan."

Yet, American soldiers continue to die and be grievously wounded, And the people of Afghanistan suffer the same. Not just combatants, but babies, children, fathers and mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers, brothers, sisters, cousins, friends..... And the same continues in Iraq as well.

Around the world, in every culture, in every country, within every spiritual tradition, those left behind, or to care for the permanently wounded, grieve deeply, intensely, a gnawing hole that takes so, so long to heal, and to forgive...

Our Fathers, our Grandfathers, our Sons, our Brothers feel this loss, this rending apart of the family, as terribly as any Mother or Grandmother, Daughter or Sister.

Let us come together, then, in honor of this Father's Day 2009, to say to our men, our boys, that we respect and cherish their emotions, their sensitivity, their deep commitment and caring for the well being of the children and the grandchildren, for families, friends, and the very Earth itself, and that we stand with them in working toward a more Peaceful World.

This is a tie that binds us, that creates common ground around the Planet, throughout the Global Village, culture to culture, country to country, religion to religion. Let us see it clearly and nurture its growth.

**Please join the Peace Community of Santa Cruz County for: A Vigil in Honor of Father's Day 2009, On Friday, June 19th From 4-6PM in front of the Military Recruiting Center, 2121 41st Avenue, in Capitola**

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