



# Women's International League for Peace & Freedom

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We have a lot going on this next month or so; stay tuned and turn the page! Just want to muse a little about another commemoration of late: the 50th anniversary of the *Beyond Vietnam: time to break the silence* speech by the late Martin Luther King, Jr. Several WILPFERS regularly stand with the 34+ year MADISON MONDAY NOON VIGIL FOR PEACE and on Monday April 3 we took turns mounting the soapbox and reading the speech aloud



Reading Beyond Vietnam on MLK Blvd in Madison 4/3/17

for all who passed by. Many of the local Veterans for Peace were there. And we were all struck with how *current* the speech seems at this moment, and how so many issues are still the same.

*A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom.*

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Join us as we call for peace for the planet on EARTH DAY

JOIN WILPF Madison on Earth Day  
 wilpf-madison.org  
 Madison WILPF demands

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**What:** Solidarity hour with *Call for Peace Drum and Dance Company* and march to the WI capitol to join the Madison People's Climate March at 2 pm

**Where:** Lisa Link Peace Park 452 State Street, Madison WI

**When:** 1 pm Saturday April 22, 2017

Songs, art, poetry, more!

Peace for the earth; peace for its people.

## Raging Grannies! Songs! Poetry. Art. Talking Twigs. Remembering Elizabeth (Lisa) Link. All US WILPF solidarity event.



At the Goodman Library Book Circle 4/6/17

Our Earth Day event BEGINS at Lisa Link Peace Park and at 2 pm we will process together up State Street to join the MADISON PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH. There will be speakers at the capitol then a procession to MG&E to invite them to be clean energy partners with us in Madison.

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- Please kindly send a check for \$10 to help with costs to Madison WILPF PO Box 3392 Madison WI 53704
- To get WILPF NEWS via e-mail: mhsander-son@hotmail.com

## Meet new branch member Michele Bahl

**Michele (center) with Kathy Walsh and Tsela Barr at the Rachel Corrie memorial event in Madison on 2 April, 2017. Michele is very active in MRSCP.**



**You have likely seen Michele at peace, justice and environment rallies for years! Welcome to WILPF, Michele!**

"I am from the Chicago area and have lived in Madison for 20 years. Although I originally came to Madison to get my Masters degree in Social Work, I stayed because I love Madison and consider it my home. I have been practicing social work for 17 years. I am particularly interested in the field of mental illness. I have been involved with social justice issues for quite a while and have been a member of the Madison Rafah Sister City Project (MRSCP) since 2008. I have been on two delegations to Palestine in 2008 and in 2012. I would describe myself as a life-long learner, and it is important for me to be involved in my community."

~ mibahl02@yahoo.com

## THE SUSPENSE IS JUST KILLING US . . . .

Adult readers for the **Jane Addams Children's Book Award** (JACBA) here in Madison met three evenings this winter and early spring to discuss nearly 30 newly published picture and chapter books on the themes of peace and justice. Likewise, six class of 3rd through 5th graders here in Wisconsin and two classes in NYC read and discussed many of the titles. Most of those students shared their thoughts with each other and between classes in an online blog. Susan Freiss is representing what she learned from all this rich conversation to the larger JACBA national selection committee. Soon it will be time for a vote! **On Friday, April 28th** at 8:00 AM new winning and honor books for 2017 will be announced on the Jane Addams Peace Association website! Stay tuned!

~ Susan Freiss freissususan@gmail.com  
Susan serves as a member of the JAPA board

**It's April; it's Earth Day. Be an optimist: Plant a tree.**

## Open Doors for Refugees Service Project

Madison WILPF will continue to assemble these BATHROOM BOX items at the JUNE meeting and deliver them shortly thereafter. Please consider donating an item or two.

### BATHROOM BOX

In small wastebasket, include the following items. When complete, affix label securely on side of container.

- \_\_\_ shower curtain and pkg. of rings
- \_\_\_ 4 sets of towels\*\*: 2 sets/person bath, hand, wash cloth
- \_\_\_ toilet paper (minimum: 4 rolls)
- \_\_\_ 2 toothbrushes/toothpaste\*
- \_\_\_ shampoo; deodorant; razors\*
- \_\_\_ hand/body soap: bar or liquid

\*\*More towels added when composition of family is known. \*Personal hygiene items may be chosen by individuals.

## We are ONE WILPF

THE ONE WILPF All Member Monthly Call is our chance to connect to branches and members of WILPF across the US.

These calls are in response to requests for more opportunities for branch members, branch representatives and at-large members -to connect -begin dialogues that can lead to sharing resources and creative solutions -improve communication, and -help plan national, regional, state and local gatherings and solidarity actions.

You can preregister any number of ways to join a ONE WILPF call:  
[ <http://myaccount.maestroconference.com/conference/register/418WA2WJTL328PEN> ]

Call times in US/Central  
Thursday, Apr 13, 2017, 6pm (2 hours)  
Thursday, May 11, 2017, 6pm (2 hours)

The featured speaker on the MARCH 9 call was Ray Acheson from WILPF International's Disarmament Program, REACHING CRITICAL WILL at our UN Offices in NYC. Ray spoke about the history of WILPF's disarmament work, specifically work on nuclear abolition. She also discussed the upcoming (March 27th) historic negotiations beginning this month at the UN on a treaty to Ban Nuclear Weapons. So far 123 non-nuclear nations have agreed to these negotiations. The 9 nuclear nations including the US have opposed it but they have not been able to stop the negotiations from going forward, despite high level attempts to quash the talks. The plans are to dialogue about this in March. In April-May the President of Costa Rica will work on a Proposal to present. And then between June 15th and July 7th the nations will meet to discuss and vote on this historic Treaty.

## NO NUKES!! A WILPF CRY FOR DECADES

”End the Whole Nuclear Era” is a campaign of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) to highlight connections between:

- \* exciting new negotiations to ban nuclear weapons at the United Nations and
- \* the ever spreading toxicity of uranium mining, nuclear power and nuclear waste.

Veteran nuclear weapons resister Ellen Thomas will keynote Madison WILPF's third Gather the Women breakfast on May 2. After breakfast, those who can are invited to practice our lobbying skills at the Madison offices of Rep. Mark Pocan and Sen Tammy Baldwin.

The mission of Ellen's two month US tour is to awaken visions of a world free from all nuclear and uranium threats. As part of the WILPF campaign to “End the Whole Nuclear Era” she brings the latest updates on

\* Eleanor Holmes Norton’s nuclear weapons abolition and energy conversion bill introduced each session of Congress since 1994. [ <http://prop1.org/prop1/index.html> ]

\* the new UN Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty being negotiated despite the rabid opposition of the nuclear powers.

[<http://wilpf.org/this-week-we-start-to-ban-the-bomb/> ]

\* unnecessary and extremely hazardous shipments of highly radioactive liquid waste from Canada to South Carolina and the Lakota Sioux uranium mining moratorium and cleanup proposal for Pine Ridge that needs to be introduced.

Ellen will highlight her own experience using voter initiatives as a tool for education and change.

**RESERVE at 608-846-5217** Limited seating!



**Ellen Thomas** will be our GATHER THE WOMEN special guest speaker during the May 2 buffet breakfast at Threshold. She is on a national speaking tour and several of her Midwest stops include Madison, Milwaukee and Minneapolis. After breakfast we plan to accompany Ellen to visit Congressional offices in Madison and if you are interested in attending please let us know.

### NOW

Pay WILPF membership dues online from the Madison WILPF Web homepage.

Or contact Eleanor White, Madison WILPF treasurer [whiteea@inxpress.net](mailto:whiteea@inxpress.net)

**Let us know you will be there April 22!**

**MADISON WILPF EARTH DAY  
SOLIDARITY EVENT PAGE:**

**[https://www.facebook.com/  
events/180512465790209/](https://www.facebook.com/events/180512465790209/)**

### WILPF MADISON:

WEB: <http://wilpf-madison.org/>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/>

Jane Addams Peace Association Children’s Book Awards: <http://www.janeaddamspeace.org/jacba/>

# WILPF Calendar & Events

## Monday Vigils for Peace at Noon

Every Monday Corner of Doty & MLK Jr Dr. Madison . . . Info: 846-7924 mbspeace1@charter.net

## 1st THURSDAYS 6:30—8:00 WILPF PEACE & JUSTICE Book Circle (every month first Thursday)

Goodman So Madison Library, 2222 S Park St Madison . . . Info: 608 467-2637

Please see the INSERT page for book titles/authors for MARCH—OCT 2017 Print/Post/Share!!

## MOST 2nd Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 Madison WILPF Planning Meetings (every month 2nd Wednesday)

Barriques 2166 Atwood Ave, Madison, WI 53704 Madison . . . Info: 608 467-2637

SAVE THE DATE!! Read inside for some emerging details

April 22 ONE WILPF SOLIDARITY NATIONAL EVENT PEACE & PLANET BEFORE PROFIT

May 2 Gather the Women quarterly breakfast; Threshold, Madison

July 27-30 WILPF triennial conference Univ of IL- Chicago campus -near Hull House Help plan our own future !!

Check our WILPF Madison Website frequently for many co-sponsored community events, calendar and book circle UPDATES : <http://www.wilpf-madison.org>

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