



Women’s International League for Peace & Freedom

The President’s Corner



I am looking forward to being in Chicago in July. (no, *really!*) The Triennial Congress is shaping up to be a terrific gathering of women activists. At least two other Madison WILPF member will attend -Michele and Dace. If you go, please let us know! We will try to attend different workshops and meetings. My visit will revolve around a family wedding and visits, but I hope to reacquaint myself with WILPFers I met in Detroit at the 32nd Congress, in NY for the UN Commission on the Status of Women meetings, and then at the HAGUE for the WILPF Centennial.

The US meetings will incorporate local social justice and the history of Hull House into these events. If you have not yet been to Hull House, home of Jane Addams, first settlement house for immigrants in the US, you should make a ‘pilgrimage’ some time. Mostly I remember the demographic mapping, surely an early iteration to map and describe Hull House clients —a technique now familiar to social work professionals, which is still visible on the wall of one of the upstairs rooms, that charted people’s particular needs relative to the offerings there: children and their working mothers were a major focus for the Hull House Programs.

The first night of the Congress, I look forward to attending the **Peace, Protest and Policy: Women Waging Peace** activist plenary panel and speak again to and thank all these women who have been such committed and vocal voices for peace and justice: Phyllis Bennis, Leah Bolger, Kathy Kelly and Ellen Thomas, who was here in Madison in May.

We will devote our SEPTEMBER meeting to reviewing what we learned from the Congress sessions and how US WILPF stands; please put our monthly meeting on your calendar and join us at Atwood Ave Barriques September 13.

AUGUST will be a busy month and I encourage all to sign up for GATHER THE WOMEN breakfast on August 1st to hear from some really dynamic and thoughtful early childhood educators in our community, then plan to be at LANTERNS FOR PEACE which we will jointly sponsor with WI PSR on August 9th in Tenney Park. This event will replace our August monthly meeting. Find both events fully described elsewhere here.

Have a peaceful summer! See you on the corner!

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GATHER THE WOMEN

Betty Banks and Jeanne Erickson will speak on "Place and Relationships Matter" at our quarterly breakfast gathering August 1st at Threshold, 2717 Atwood Ave, 8 am.



Today Not Tomorrow Family Resource Center collaborators Jeanne Erickson (l-r), Betty Banks, Tia Murray, Hershey Barnett-Bridges and Sheray Wallace (Photo from Capital City Hues)

Please put this article down and email or call Susan Freiss *right now* to reserve your spot!

Longtime Madison activists, **Betty and Jeanne** cofounded **Project Babies** and on June 7 contributed to the opening of **Today Not Tomorrow Family Resource Center** located in The East Madison Community Center. The Center's current focus is programming for young families and is a collaboration between Project Babies, African American Breastfeeding Alliance of Dane County, Inc., Neighborhood Connectors, Harambee Village Dulas, and Integrated Wellness, LLC. They are dedicated to strengthening families and improving health disparities across the lifespan. The Center's unique approach supports social cohesion, builds protective factors, strengthens families and fosters resilience.

Gather the Women Breakfasts provide a networking and collaboration space for women activists from many circles. Our speakers take 20 minutes on topic then invite the larger group into conversation for a half hour of discussion. Limited seating!

RESERVE NOW / pay at breakfast (\$12.)
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Meet new branch member Christine

Christine Kopish is a long-time Monday noon peace vigiler, retired preschool educator and children’s advocate, master holistic baker, dog trainer, yoga instructor, and has many other talents she will not talk about ~ but ask her sometime! She lives with Ryan in the Willy Street neighborhood and her son lives nearby. She is connected to many peace and justice community issues and is a good fit for Madison

WILPF. She volunteers to help! She listens! She shows up! We welcome her membership this year. Contact Christine by phone; she’s way too busy to use email!
608 251 6636

SANCTUARY

Long time WILPF member **Mary Somers, of both Madison and Tucson**, will be representing WILPF at the newly created Dane Sanctuary Coalition meetings. While in Tucson, Mary uses her nursing background and skills and works with **NO MORE DEATHS** along the Mexican border, along with her attorney husband Andrew, who does immigrant rights law representation.

The **Dane Sanctuary Coalition**, a new faith-based organization, joins the growing New Sanctuary Movement to protect immigrant neighbors and friends from having their families ripped apart in the U.S. through their deportation to the growing violence and murders in their home countries. The Coalition plans to offer refuge and support to undocumented immigrants in need of sanctuary in Dane County.

Open Doors for Refugees Service Project continues

Madison WILPF will continue to donate items and deliver them to Open Doors for Refugees. Please consider donating an item or two and bring to a book circle or monthly meeting.

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.

Mary Somers joined a 2009 delegation to **El Salvador** and when she returned Barbara Alvarado and she presented at a WILPF forum. She still has a notebook with pictures, and keeps track of mining issues and developments there. Mary reports the following:

El Salvador First Country To Ban Metal Mining

On March 29, 2017 after 11 years of grassroots organizing El Salvador became the first country in the world to ban metal mining. After fighting corporate lawsuits and anti mining activists murders this historical event was successful by *dialogue and education and municipal referendums*. They used a non political environmental message to protect water for everyone. A similar approach is being used in the US to stop fracking. MASCP, Madison sister city with Arcatao , El Salvador, assisted with the community organizing against mining and is planning a celebration this October in Madison where a delegation of people from El Salvador will attend. The public will be invited.

NEW REGISTRATION LINK for all ONE WILPF CALLS

THE ONE WILPF All Member Monthly Call connects branches and members of WILPF across the US. Maestro and InterOccupy have retired the old registration link. Please use the new link going forward, and promote it with your members who are not yet on our calls. Upcoming Calls [US/Central] Thursdays , August 10, 2017, 6pm and September 14, 2017, 6pm

Here is the new registration link.

<http://myaccount.maestroconference.com/conference/register/NW7UOTL6KBLOV3E>

9th International Conference of Museums for Peace Belfast, Northern Ireland

Our colleagues **Dawn Shegonee and Christa Bruhn from CALL FOR PEACE DRUM AND DANCE CO.** attended the Peace Museums conference in Belfast in April and we hope they will join us this fall to discuss their trip! They took with them our WILPF Earth Day pop-up peace museum idea in Lisa Link Peace Park! We are well traveled! Stay tuned for more info on their trip.



Next year we expect to again be working with the **COLOMBIA SUPPORT NETWORK** and Jack Laun CSN president, will attend our SEPTEMBER monthly meeting to discuss needs of the Colombia population and how Madison WILPF may want to help, similar to the sewing machine project that was undertaken in past years.

October 3rd we will cosponsor a speaking tour to the US by **Olga Patricia Llano Obando**, hosted by **WITNESS FOR PEACE**. She is an organizer with the grassroots Colombia Feminist Antimilitarist Network, recognized for its popular education model that supports demilitarization and eradication of systems of oppression based on sex, class and race.

“Though war is old, it has not become wise.” **Alice Walker**

LANTERNS FOR PEACE

NEVER AGAIN!!

Calling for a Nuclear-Free future for all of us
Nonviolence or Nonexistence

Join WILPF to remember the 1945 atomic bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki

WHAT: Lanterns for Peace, Tenney Park

WHERE: August 9 6:30 PM

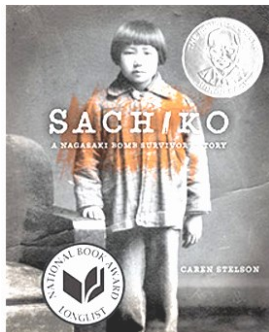
GUEST SPEAKER: Caren Stelson, JACBA-winning author of *SACHIKO: A NAGASAKI BOMB SURVIVOR'S STORY*.

Lanterns for Peace is a Madison commemoration calling for a nuclear-free future, and joins memorial events held through out the world.

Wednesday, August 9th, marks seventy-two years since the U.S. bombing of Nagasaki, Japan. Gather at 7:00 pm at Tenney Park in Madison, for making and floating peace lanterns on the Tenney Lagoon, advocacy action, a presentation by Caren Stelson, author of *Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivors Story*, and singing. Join us to remember those who have died in war and to reflect on a peaceful, nuclear weapons-free world.

Lanterns for Peace is hosted annually by Physicians for Social Responsibility Wisconsin and cosponsored by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Madison Branch, Wisconsin Network for Peace & Justice, Veterans for Peace Wisconsin, United Nations Association of Dane County, PC Foundation, Monday Noon Vigil for Peace, Gene and Linda Farley Center, and Nukewatch.

For further information, or to volunteer with the event, please contact PSR Wisconsin.



Books will be available for purchase on the 9th and also on the 10th at the MPL event with the guest author (See next column).

Peace is possible.
Work for peace.
Be peace.

AND THE WINNING TITLES ARE!

WILPF Madison will purchase and donate two sets of the 2017 Jane Addams Children's Award winning book titles to the Madison Public Library during an **August 10 10 am presentation by Caren Stelson in Room 302 central library as part of the MADISON BOOK FESTIVAL**. Please join us!

Winning title for Younger Readers

Steamboat School, written by Deborah Hopkinson, illustrated by Ron Husband

Honor books for Younger Readers

First Step: How One Girl Put Segregation on Trial, written by Susan E. Goodman, illustrated by E. B. Lewis

I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark, written by Debbie Levy, illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley

Winning title for Older Readers

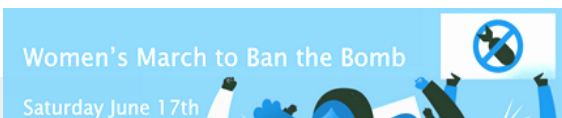
Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story, written by Caren B. Stelson

Honor books for Older Readers

We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler, written by Russell Freedman

Wolf Hollow, written by Lauren Wolk

For more information contact Susan Freiss 608-609-7961.



WOMEN MARCH!! WOMEN MARCH!!

Expert WILPF organizer Mary Sanderson brought together a great panel presentation this year at the MIDWEST RENEWABLE ENERGY FAIR to support **WOMEN MARCH TO BAN THE BOMB, an event worldwide to call for nuclear disarmament**. Both NUKEWATCH's John LaForge and PSR-WI physicians spoke to nuclear waste, transportation and health issues as well as Mary publicizing the UN Anti Nuclear treaty negotiations now supported by 122 nations. We still want you to urge the SENATE to **RATIFY THE TREATY**. It could happen!

WILPF Calendar & Events

Monday Noon Vigils for Peace

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

Up next, August 3: *Hillbilly Elegy: A memoir of a family and culture in crisis*

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

NO MONTHLY MEETING IN AUGUST! ATTEND LANTERNS FOR PEACE

SAVE THE DATE!! Read inside for some emerging details

AUGUST 1, 8-9:30 am Gather the Women quarterly breakfast; Threshold, Madison

August 2-6 Democracy Convention, Minneapolis

August 9 6 pm Lanterns for Peace featuring author Caren Stelson

August 10 noon Central Library Room 302 Caren Stelson presentation WI book festival event

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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