



Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

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WILPF Los Angeles Branch
invites you to our celebration of

International Women's Day

with featured speaker

Sharon Kyle

Law professor at Peoples College of Law;

Board member of the ACLU of Southern California;

Serves on the editorial board of the BlackCommentator.com;

Publisher of the LA Progressive (laprogressive.com) which she co-founded with her husband, Dick Price

SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH • 11:30 A.M.

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Mail reservations to: Grace Aaron, 1459 Rexford Drive #2, Los Angeles, CA 90035

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*Please leave your name, telephone number or email to confirm, the number of people in your party,
and luncheon menu choice for each person: chicken, fish, or vegetarian.*

Founded in 1915, WILPF is the oldest and largest international women's peace and justice organization. WILPF works to achieve through peaceful means: world disarmament, full rights for women, racial and economic justice, an end to all forms of violence; and to establish those political, social and psychological conditions which can assure peace, freedom, and justice for all. WILPF is an international Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) with national sections in 30 countries.

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March 8th, International Women's Day

On March 8, 1857, women garment workers staged a demonstration on the Lower East Side of New York City to protest their low wages, long hours, and poor working conditions. A 55–60 hour work week was common back then, with no time off for meals. Factories were dangerous, unsanitary, and poorly lighted.

Continuing in this fighting tradition, on March 8, 1908, fifteen thousand women marched again from the Lower East Side through New York City to demand the vote and to urge the strengthening of the new and struggling needle-trades union. They adopted the slogan “Bread and Roses,” with bread symbolizing economic security and roses symbolizing a better quality of life.

Two years later, at an international meeting of socialists in Copenhagen, delegates from the U.S. called on the women of the world to unite in the struggle for better conditions for all women. Clara Zetkin, a German socialist leader, proposed that March 8th be set aside as International Women's Day in commemoration of the New York women's struggles. Under her leadership, the first International Women's Day celebration was held in Copenhagen that year.

Since that time, in countries all around the globe, International Women's Day has been celebrated as a day for women to unite in the struggle for equal rights, peace and justice for all.

WILPF has used International Women's Day to support women struggling for liberation in Vietnam, South Africa, Chile, Nicaragua, and many other countries. International Women's Day has also been a time for WILPF to stand in solidarity with Native American women, civil rights, human rights, labor struggles, and the fight for the Equal Rights Amendment.

The challenges to women around the world are as critical today as they were in 1857. In some ways, very little has changed. We are still working to change some of the same conditions as existed back then. What has changed is the growth in women's awareness and solidarity and the recognition by international agencies, national governments and the institutions of civil society that women are a force to be reckoned with. We women will no longer be quiet and go away with our demands — demands which not only further the cause of women — they will bring forth a more just and peaceful world for all.

Calendar

MOVE TO AMEND NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES STUDY GROUP

The Northeast L.A. Move to Amend Study Group works in cooperation with the national Move To Amend Coalition and Move To Amend Los Angeles to educate its members and the communities of Northeast Los Angeles (City Council Districts 1, 13 and 14) about how corporations got Constitutional rights, how they use these rights, and how this impacts our communities.

Saturday, March 26th ♦ 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Holy Grounds Coffee & Tea, 5371 Alhambra Avenue, Los Angeles 90032 (El Sereno)

Meeting, Mini Teach-in, and Community Educators' Rap Session.

No admission charge, but please buy something in the cafe.

For more information, call (323) 255-1279.

The Northeast Los Angeles Chapter of Move To Amend has produced a video,

A QUESTION OF PERSONHOOD, featuring Ann Porter and DS Lancon. Watch it on YouTube and share it with friends!

Learn more about Move To Amend at movetoamend.org and movetoamend.org/ca-los-angeles.

WILPF is a member organization of the Move To Amend Coalition.