## STANDING ON THEIR SHOULDERS

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom – US Section

## DANGEROUS WOMEN OF WILPF

Before there was WILPF 1915 "The Women In Big Hats" arrive in Europe led by Jane Addams.





#### **"The Most Dangerous Woman In America"**

#### FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover on Jane Addams...



Nothing could be worse than the fear that one had given up too soon, and left one unexpended effort that might have saved the world.

— Jane Addams —

AZQUOTES

## A Strong Voice for Women, PEACE & Justice.



THE WILPF 1915 Manifesto inspired

- The International Declaration of Human Rights
- The League of Nations , later The UN
- The Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact.

## **PEACE** – a new idea in a world torn by war.

Stopping war demands a deep examination of the causes of conflict.

SILENCE IS NOT AN OPTION





Women have been at the forefront of the resistance against nuclear weapons since the dawn of the nuclear age! 1945 – 2017 Rise up. **SILENCE IS NOT AN OPTION** 

## The feminist perspective on war.



Connecting human rights and economic justice to the **roots of** 

war since 1915.

WILPF

#### WHO IS WILPF TODAY?



# **WILPF is a sisterhood of international peacewomen.**

- With "standing" at the United Nations.
- 40 Sections in locations across the planet.
- 40 Branches in communities across the US

#### Members have included:

- Coretta Scott King
- Jane Fonda
- Joanne Woodward

Feminist Writers: Betty Reardon Cynthia Enloe

> **Novelists:** Alice Walker Ursula Le Guin

## **OUR MISSION IS CLEAR**

#### "We believe...

that women have a particular interest in stopping war and particular skills we can bring to the task."



## When you JOIN WILPF-US

You automatically also join WILPF International. Your \$35 a year dues support both organizations & our United Nations Programs:

On Disarmament – **REACHING CRITICAL WILL** 

www.ReachingCriticalWill.org

On Peace & Security – **PEACEWOMEN** 

www.Peacewomen.org

#### **2 RECENT WILPF VICTORIES**

#### #1 Burlington VT - Ballot Initiative succeeded! NO F35 Bombers in Vermont!

- **59% of Vermont Voters agreed with WILPF** and rejected locating these war planes in their state.
- The Air Force plan was scrapped by voters, even though Sen. Patrick Leahy has been working with the Air Force to move the bombers to Vermont.

#### **#2 A NEW CAMPAIGN: launched** from our Coalition Ally



#### ICAN

International Campaign To Abolish Nuclear Weapons launched a new campaign that asks:

#### "Is YOUR Money being used to fund Nuclear Weapons?"

And big banks are already taking note.

# **WILPF is much more than just a virtual organization**

- We create a vital Progressive identity in our communities.
- We provide a supportive foundation **for women activists to pursue their dreams and passions** for peace and justice.
- We nurture a safe space among activists, empowering each other to go beyond ourselves.

#### **DANGEROUS WOMEN OF WILPF**

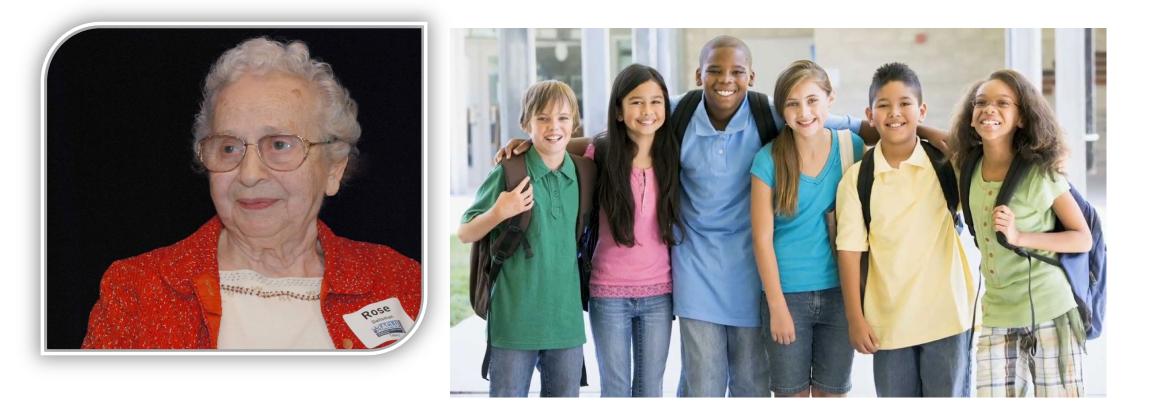
#### They inspire us.... We Stand On Their Shoulders



#### Yvonne Logan - St. Louis WILPF



#### **Rose Daitsman – Milwaukee WILPF**



#### Kay Camp, former US Section President



#### Ellen Thomas – Co-Chair DISARM Committee





#### **Peg Mullen** Iowa Mother for Peace War Protester & Author



## Thanks to **Edith Bell Pittsburgh PA** is a CEDAW City



Edith does not like being identified as a Holocaust survivor. But that experience certainly fuels her activism.

# Laura Roskos, Past President US Section



The WILPF US Local 2 Global Program



#### **The United Nations Practicum on Advocacy**

## **READY TO JOIN WILPF?**

#### Just go to www.WILPFus.org/join

- \$35 annual Dues gets you membership in
   BOTH WILPF US & WILPF International.
- Monthly ENews & As-It-Happens E-Alerts.
- Twice Annual PEACE & FREEDOM MAGAZINE
- Monthly ONE WILPF All Member Calls for organizing and strategy planning.
- A **supportive community** of Progressive activists!

#### Mary Zepernick, Cape Cod WILPF -- Corporate Power Challenger.

#### March 24 2010 Mary Zepernick, Program on Corporations, Law & Democracy (POCLAD)

"Why is the "Campaign to Legalize Democracy" (www.movetoamend.org) using a broad amendment strategy? In effect, we are seizing the opportunity to exercise active control over our Constitution – not a document belonging to the Courts, nor to the Congress nor to the Chief Executive, but to us..."

#TheDemocracyCalendar



#### **Carol Urner** – Former Chair of **Disarm Committee**.





#### #MoveTheMoney

from war to peace and gender equality



WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY

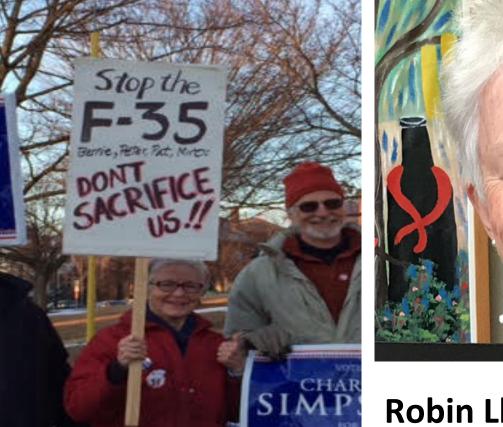
#### Maggie Rawlands – Des Moines IA WILPF



### **Generations of Courage** – **Robin & Lola Lloyd**



Lola Maverick Lloyd





**Robin Lloyd** 

## **Ray Acheson** – WILPF's Reaching Critical Will

THIS is what a Nobel Peace Prize Recipient Looks like.

Ray was part of the ICAN Coalition that received the 2017 Nobel Prize for her work on a UN Treaty to Ban Nuclear Weapons.



#### WILPF Sister Marches Across the US - June 17, 2017



## **WILPF US Support for Members**

- •3 Unifying Solidarity Events planned for 2018
  •Mini Grants to help fund actions and events
  •ONE WILPF Strategic Organizing Calls
  •Leadership Training
  •National Meetings
- A LOCAL community of support

that you just can't get with a VIRTUAL online organization.

#### WILPF'S WONDER WOMEN TODAY

#### In addition to our own members, WILPF supports the work of women activists across the US

with donations, petitions, alliances, national statements, coalitions and collegial sharing across organizations

#### to BUILD A MOVEMENT OF MOVEMENTS

## Wonder Women of WILPF like...

#### •CHARMAINE WHITEFACE -

#### South Dakota DEFENDERS OF THE BLACK HILLS

**WILPF Member** 



## **WILPF Women Do BIG Things...**

#### •MEDEA BENJAMIN -

WILPF Member

## Founder of **CODE PINK**



### Labor Activist – ORGANIZER

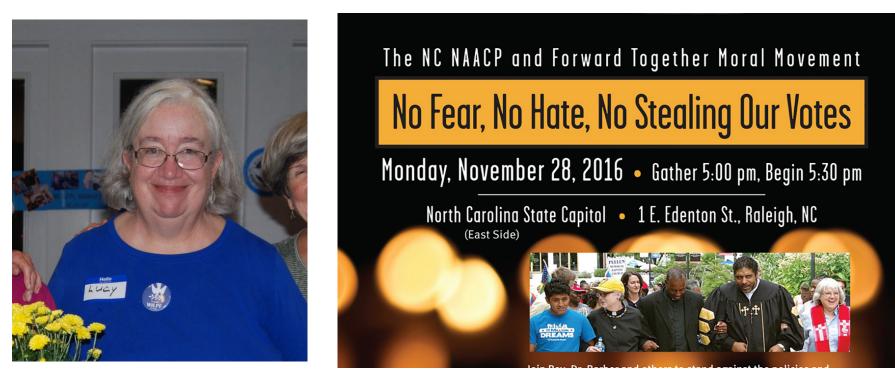
CINDY DOMINGO WILPF MEMBER

CHAIR, WILPF US Issue Committee Cuba & The Bolivarian Alliance





## **Moral Monday Collaborator**



#### **LUCY LEWIS**

Triangle WILPF - Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Durham NC

# **Jean Hays – FRESNO WILPF**, Fresno CA



#### VIDEOS at Skyhorse3593@sbcglobal.net

#### CRUDE BEYOND BELIEF FRACKING DVD PREMIERE OF CRUDE BEYOND BELIEF

TUESDAY, JULY 19 AT 7 P.M. COMMUNITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 5550 N. FRESNO ST. (ACROSS FROM SAN JOAQUIN GARDENS)

WILPF Fresno utilized a mini-grant from its national office to organize and film a fracking tour in Kern County.

> Co-contributors to the venture include: Fresnans Against Fracking & Tehipite Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Tour was led by Tom Frantz and filmed by CMAC. Participants visited various oil-capture rigs, disposal wells and ponds and fracking well sites near Bakersfield, Shafter and Wasco.

TOM FRANTZ AND KYLE LOWE, THE FILMMAKER WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AFTER THE FILM. MEET AND GREET TOUR PARTICIPANTS AS WELL!

QUESTIONS: 559-313-7674



# **Ready to join us** as a strong feisty woman of WILPF?

- We can connect you to a local branch, or help you start one!
- You only need 10 like minded Progressive members (women OR men) who join WILPF and make it their primary activist home.
- Join at www.wilpfus.org/join
- If you can't join right now, consider supporting us with a donation at <u>www.wilpfus.org/donate</u>. *Every dollar helps...*

#### SHARING... Together, we're ALL strong & feisty

Say your NAME... And What Brought You To WILPF. *What strong feisty woman has inspired your life and activism?* 



## Find out more about WILPF US at www.wilpfus.org

## **Think about**

What skills you could bring to WILPF. What issues engage you. What we could accomplish TOGETHER.

#### It takes only 10 like minded members to form a WILPF branch.

Let WILPF US help you get started!

We have resources, experts and materials to make it easier to start or restart a branch.

Contact us at info@wilpfus.org

## You HAVE a branch already?

**BE BOLD!** 

How about ....

starting a second or third branch in your state?

WILPF Women are out to change this country one city, one WILPF branch at a time, *one woman at a time.* 

