

April 11th , 2019 ONE WILPF CALL
“The Green New Deal for Earth Day – and Venezuela”

AGENDA:

- 1- **Welcome Statements** (1 min.)
- 2- **Announcements** (13 min)

Earth Democracy

In time for Earth Day, we've created a handout that can be used along with your **CLIMATE JUSTICE+WOMEN+PEACE** Infographic Cards.

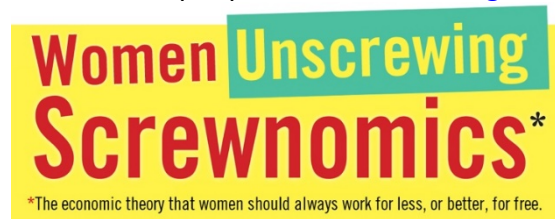
Nancyp39@gmail.com for the **EARTH DAY HANDOUT** or see **April ENews**
mbgardam@gmail.com for the **CJ+W+P** Cards.

PREPARE FOR ELECTIONS 2020

Submit probing “**Candidate Questions**” to info@wilpfus.org

Corporations v Democracy

Relaunching monthly committee meetings starting on **TUESDAY, MAY 7th 8:30pm** eastern/5:30pm pacific. Contact mbgardam@gmail.com for call-in info.



WILPF and SCREWNOMICS in Digital MS MAGAZINE... series called **WOMEN UNSCREWING SCREWNOMICS**. Check out the link:

<https://msmagazine.com/tag/women-unscrewing-screwnomics-series/>

Get connected to CvD. Contact mbgardam@gmail.com

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN -- Mary Bricker-Jenkins

www.poorpeoplescampaign.org for more information. Consult your state coordinators.

MIDDLE EAST COMMITTEE – Odile Hugonot Haber

HR 4391 is going to be reintroduced by Betty McCollum in a couple of weeks.

Her legislation, the *Promoting Human Rights by Ending Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children Act*, **H.R. 4391**, prevents the use of United States tax

dollars for the Israeli military's ongoing detention and mistreatment of Palestinian children.

When it is reintroduced the Middle East Issue committee will resume their campaign on this resolution. **Support this legislation!!**

3- The **GREEN NEW DEAL** -- **Howie Hawkins**

See notes below the COMMENT line.

4- **HANDS OFF VENZUELA**– **Cindy Domingo & Darien De Lu**

Through the strengthening of the economic sanctions against Venezuela and now Cuba, Trump, John Bolton, and Marco Rubio will try to strangle their economies to accomplish regime change in both countries. Full notes below the COMMENT line

Next Cuba/Bolivarian Alliance Committee meeting: Next Meeting Mon May 13th at 4:30pm pacific. Contact cindydomingo@gmail.com for call-in information.

Discuss also on next PROGRAM COMMITTEE Meeting, May 7th at 5pm pacific/8pm eastern.

ALTERNATIVE MEDIA FOR VENEZUELA NEWS:

DEMOCRACY NOW
www.democracynow.org

VENEZUELA ANALYSIS
<http://www.venezuelanalysis.com/>

*CENTER FOR
ECONOMIC
& POLICY RESEARCH*
<http://cepr.net/>

STEVE ELLNERS BLOG
<https://steveellnersblog.blogspot.com/>

ALLIANCE FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE
<https://afgj.org/>

Misión Verdad - English -- <http://misionverdad.com/mv-in-english> (Venezuelan-based)
Popular Resistance popularrresistance.org

TRIPS TO CUBA -- Cindy and Jan Stroud will be leading **2 trips to Cuba**. **May 3-12 and later in May.** Contact Cindydomingo@gmail.com for info or to signup.

5- **WILPF SMART** –

Activism that matters, you can do from your desk.

Great for less mobile members of your branch who still want to contribute!

Social Media Action Response Team–Michael Ippolito, Cherril Spencer, Lorna Paisley.

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DISARM COMMITTEE – Ellen Thomas:

Re: “Proposition One” – A nationwide campaign to abolish nuclear weapons and use the money for human needs.

The website <http://prop1.org> shares the history and links about the “nuclear weapons abolition and economic and energy conversion” bill, in Congress since 1994, thanks to a successful voter initiative in Washington, DC in 1992. Eleanor Holmes Norton, who introduces it every session, also was the first US legislator to sign the Congressional (aka “Parliamentary”) Pledge supporting the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons which is promoted by NuclearBan.US. Norton’s bill earmarks the money currently going into nuclear weapons production and protection for transforming the arms industries to providing human needs - pay the factories to retool and the workers to retrain for a true green economy. Norton’s been swimming upstream for years, and needs help.

See and sign the letter to your representative at <http://bit.ly/prop1petition>, and help WILPF Disarm/End Wars and Earth Democracy issue committees strategize how to get the word out about this important legislation! Thanks - Ellen Thomas, et@prop1.org for information.

6- **Member Forum** – Reports on **EARTH DAY SOLIDARITY ACTIONS** for 2019. And additional branch work.

Send photos to newsletter@wilpfus.org Next ENews Deadline April 30.

7- **REPORT on Women’s Peace Initiative** meeting/collaboration.

Formal report not complete yet. Good opportunities for collaborations noted.

8- **SPRING APPEAL “GET US TO 52!”** –

Look for appeal and please donate to get us from 51% participation in member donations to 52%.

A little extra support would mean a lot.

9- Adjourn begin **SOAPBOX**

10-End SOAPBOX

TYPE BELOW THIS LINE TO LEAVE NOTES, COMMENTS, LINKS, ETC.
Please post your name with your comments/ questions.

The **GREEN NEW DEAL** -- **Howie Hawkins**

Howie Hawkins: We need a Superfund for workers... for workers being displaced. **Where did Term: Green New Deal come from?**

Working during the 1970s on this issue -- "Global Green Deal" focused on green energy and being the world's humanitarian model.

UN Environmental & European Greens campaign focused on green investments instead of bank bailouts after 2008's crash. Howie made it part of the Governor's race in NY state. 61 Greens across the country adopted this. 2014 Greens focused on ending fracking. Greens campaigning for addressing climate change.

AOC is keeping the link between economic security and climate/energy investment. Pelosi reduced the effectiveness of the GREEN NEW DEAL. AOC and Sen. Markey brought up a proposal for the Green New Deal and Democrats have not supported it in great enough numbers YET. Keep pressing!!

NOTE: Our earlier call with Victor Wallis also echoed this with his book **RED/GREEN REVOLUTION**, focusing on EcoSocialism.

What should be in the Green New Deal?

Expand the Deal to include more eco-socialist agenda. Need public ownership of key industries.

Coordinate investments to execute a ECO-Socialist deal. By next month they will have a budget that shows what the real costs will be.

Two major pieces:

**Economic Bill of Rights and
Green Economy Reconstruction Program.**

A dozen sectors must be converted:

Buildings -- natural gas converted to heat pumps. Solar panels and retrofitting for efficiency. Housing... BUILD green buildings... create jobs.

MLK's **Poor Peoples Campaign** in the 60s was calling for this: half a million new housing units a year till slums were gone.

Address Eco System and Agriculture collapse.

Peace Conversion.... Scientists WERE coming up with realistic plan.

Need to restart it.

Trillions of dollars (not \$93 trillion tho, that's an overstatement the GOP is using to squash the GND)... and we need ways to finance the long term reconstruction costs.

We need to be specific about exactly what weapons systems do we cut, what bases do we close? **We need research...**

We need tax reform and ecological tax reform. Make the polluters (resource depleters) pay for extraction and profiteering.

Public money and banks.... Have the government issue greenbacks that are debt free. A big step...

Public banks... like North Dakota make loans at lower cost. Financing can come from that.

Q&A

Ann Henny (East Bay): Radical redistribution of resources in our society... we could do a lot by investing in jobs and economy. How to deal with this? How do we balance jobs and transition?

HH: Any worker displaced... their income and benefits would be guaranteed for 5 years. Any study says the bottleneck is not the finances, it's labor. 4.5 million jobs in NY to build out the new system.

We must reassure people they will be made whole... and communities that depend on the income from nuclear plants and military bases... we'll replace the tax basis they would lose.

Poor communities could be helped by developing under community control.

Empower poor communities by disempowering gatekeepers. Provide resources for real power.

Ann Henny: Timing == how can we speed up the solutions?

HH: If people are with us and demanding it... medicare for all, public housing ... those have to be addressed to build support for energy transition.

Judy Adams (PaloAlto): who to sway?

HH: Bernie is best... among presidential candidates he called for ban for fracking. DNC got a resolution not to take fossil fuel \$\$ but they just reversed that. Put pressure on ALL of them. Support people who stick their necks out. Sunshine movement has helped.

Nancy Price: Do you have a document prepared or should we prepare our own?

Create some kind of timeline... see the vision, the budget, and also the process and timeline... it would encourage people. See benchmarks to achieve. Might encourage people. Nancy did an ACTION ALERT in CALIFORNIA.. Look at it and ACT.

Liberate the money in the system into a public bank.

Odile HH: Prop 1 -- We are not going to get money unless we divest from the military economy.

HH: Working with John Wrenn on economic pieces of Green New Deal. Good idea on timeline and benchmarks... good to hold the govt to account Trade Unions for Renewable Democracy... nurses favorable to climate accountability. Labor activists working inside Labor to bring people along. Unions are tough but the individuals inside are into clean energy.

Tradespeople like these ideas. Even fracking guys would like to do their work in a cleaner industry.

Australian Labor has green bans on new building projects that are not about renewable energy.

Michael: Speak about **apportioning** the money that goes into military spending (as opposed to having Congress have to approve of it). We use apportioning military money, but not for the things people need. .

HH: Yes, we need a budget that supports what we NEED. We have to watch the rising military budgets and get our priorities straight.

HANDS OFF VENZUELA— Cindy Domingo & Darien De Lu

(this segment is posted as a shareable audio presentation on the ONE WILPF Page of the website at <https://wilpfus.org/story/one-wilpf-calls>)

CINDY DOMINGO... Next Meeting of the CUBA & BOLIVARIAN ALLIANCE

COMMITTEE: Mon May 13th at 4:30pm pacific.

Contact Cindydomingo@gmail.com for call-in instructions.

TWO TRIPS TO CUBA IN MAY

In the next few weeks, Cindy and Jan Stroud will be leading 2 trips to Cuba. May 3-12 and May ____/

Keep traveling to Cuba.

Trump trying again to isolate Cuba. Our committee is about normalizing relations. Strengthening sanctions against Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua. Sanctions only hurt the people, there are long lines for food there but Title 3 will hurt the economy and people of Cuba.

In June & July the **Pastors for Peace Caravan** will again be headed for Cuba. Please support them along the route.

National actions **HANDS OFF VENEZUELA** actions are also being supported by this committee.

Darien De Lu -- on her fact finding tour with the US Peace Council Delegation to Venezuela in March.

So many issues. Cuba and Bolivarian Alliance committee is paying attention. Venezuela will also be important in the 2020 elections. **We might talk more about this on the Program Committee Conference Call on May 7th. 5pm pacific/8pm eastern.** All are invited to the call. Darien was just elected in January and learned of the travel opportunity in Feb. Still need to round out our **Position Statement** on the Board and Committees. If anyone is interested in serving on a national committee: conjoin@sonic.net.

It was a Diverse delegation to Venezuela. So much of what we see in the media is really a pack of lies. There are multiple attacks being conducted by the US against Venezuela and the attack of LIES is very destructive. The US appears to be supporting terrorist attacks, the energy blackout like a cause of cyber and electrical attacks. It is possible some of these may be caused by the injuries from US Sanctions. But we must look at the historic record of the US in Latin America... repeated interventions to overthrow democratically elected leaders who are 'populist'. Historic memory is important. The way the US attacked the Chilean government (Allende) in the 70s is like the Venezuelan attacks. Destroy the economy, cause uprisings, push for more rigid and right wing leaders to deal with 'chaos' that they created! Venezuela being called a dictatorship, Maduro called a tyrant. WHY?

No coincidence that Venezuela holds the world's largest oil reserves.

But it's also about challenging a more populist form of government. Though Venezuela is NOT a socialist government. Their model of government supports the lower income population... which the US is opposed to.

Let's not overlook the racism factor. Guaido is upper class, white... in an area full of poor people of color. The economy is under pressure and stress but there is no famine or food scarcity. We are not intervening in El Salvador or Guatemala where the conditions are much worse.

Venezuela has had 200 years of peace... they are not a threat. Profits from oil are being used to help the poor, which may be a threat to our own profiteering endless war economy. Nicaragua, Cuba and Venezuela are being called threats. They are not. But they offer alternatives to our profiteering unregulated capitalism. Look at our history in Latin America... and note that this is a country that is not white in its majority, so there are racist overtones against its indigenous and black population.

Q&A

Jean Verthein (NYC/Oregon): Reports of an emerging coup d'etat funded by the US...in Venezuela. Programs that exist to interfere in Venezuela elections. In her Sanctuary group they have questions about Venezuela. Housing programs, daycare, education... programmatic efforts are continuing, even despite US Sanctions.

DDL: Maduro and Chavez have been blamed for fiscal mismanagement because they chose to invest money from oil profits on programs to help the poor.

Striking contrast from the US where we are dealing with unfunded housing and homelessness. They expanded educational opportunities for poor people. Healthcare was expanded.

Trump complained Venezuela was sending oil to Cuba. But the fact is they have an agreement to pay Cuba for its doctors with oil. The cost of medicine is being hyper-inflated by sanctions. There may be some artificial manipulation of the currency too. \$1 buys much less now. Medications are being restricted too. The US used to be Venezuela's major oil trading partner. Venezuela was relying on oil money from exports to finance its social and healthcare and educational programs. They are now focusing on less expensive preventive medicine initiatives instead... education, medical care, water and electrical service all extended.

Robin Lloyd(VT): Cuba has a 100 year plan to combat the threat of climate change according to a report from Pastors for Peace. All the fear of socialism is misplaced... but justified because effective protection from climate change demands a socialist transformation.

DDL: (A government taking climate chaos seriously must feel very threatening to Trump!) In Vz, food boxes are provided to the poor at very reduced prices. Vz gov't is providing support for (organic) urban agriculture projects, which reduce the burning of carbon for transport of food..

CINDY DOMINGO: VZ is not a socialist country... there is an economic crisis, but not a humanitarian crisis. There are severe concerns about the management under Maduro even on the left. When the price of oil plunged (orchestrated by the US in cahoots with Saudi Arabia) it affected the whole economy. Oil is the overwhelming export of Venezuela.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Venezuela Peace Delegation information LINKS

1) U.S Peace Council Delegation to Venezuela — Live Message from Caracas.

<https://www.facebook.com/USPeaceCouncil/videos/vb.1669157513405721/357305415126042/?type=2&theater>

2) the Situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela - Press Conference (26 March 2019)

<http://webtv.un.org/search/-bahman-azad-peace-council-on-the-situation-in-the-bolivarian-republic-of-venezuela-press-conference-26-march-2019/6018186499001/?term=Venezuela&sort=date>

Revisit US intervention in Latin America

FILM: **MISSING**, starring Jack Lemon & Cissy Spacek on Chilean Terror

BOOKS: **CONFESSIONS OF AN ECONOMIC HITMAN** - John Perkins

SHOCK DOCTRINE - Naomi Klein

These resources should be used and recommended in our communities.

RESOURCES FOR HONING ORGANIZING SKILLS:

RULES FOR REVOLUTIONARIES -- Becky Bond and Zack Exley

HOW WE WIN - A GUIDE TO NON-VIOLENT ACTION CAMPAIGNS - George Lakey

THIS IS A REVOLUTION -- Paul and Peter Engler...sons of Des Moines WILPF

member Joan Engler and consultants to THE SUNSHINE MOVEMENT.

Member Forum –

Reports on **EARTH DAY** SOLIDARITY ACTIONS for 2019 & Additional Branch/Member Work.

JOAN GODDARD -- resource from San Jose World Water Day... powerpoint presentation. Contact Joan at joan@rujo.com

LILITH – Working on immigration and offering water support for asylum seekers at the southern borders with **BORDER SUPPORT NETWORK**. AHR committee coordinated with Lillith.

Border Support Network:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/asylumaid/>

JUDY ADAMS (Peninsula/Palo Alto) -- scheduling Earth Day for the week after the 22nd (because of conflict with Passover dates)

Using FILM = UUSAC water issues in the central valley...**THIRST FOR JUSTICE** film.

On Vimeo.

Film is 38 minutes. Will be on Palo Alto WILPF facebook page.

The poorest communities in California had no clean water.

Passed in CAL Human Right To Water Bill. Following up on those efforts.

FILM RESOURCE:

THIRSTY FOR JUSTICE: The Struggle for the Human Right to WATER

<https://ejcw.org/thirsty/>

LORNA (LA Calif) – Working with groups on regeneration of the soil, using a portable sign about growing local food... giving away seeds not GMOs... did a poster for growing local food.

Give Away: “A smart bag” for seeds and soil and grow food in your apartment of balcony. Would like some of the CJ+W+P Infographic cards.

ODILE (Ann Arbor,MI) -- Repeating our long term EARTH DAY event. We'll rent a sound system and stage and feature an **Open Microphone** for the youth, then Speakers about water, climate change, SDGs (UN sustainable development goals,) permaculture, music with stage, a children's area and activities. Table with infographics and material , WILPF banners --Ann Arbor MI. **On Sunday (Easter) afternoon and on Monday real “Earth Day”**

DARIEN DeLU (Sacramento CA)- Tabling at Earth Day with our banner.

REPORT on Women's Peace Initiative meeting/collaboration.

Darien reported on the delegates who attended the meeting in San Francisco set up by our fiscal sponsor PEACE DEVELOPMENT FUND and facilitated by Kathy Sharkey of PDF. We met with many women's peace groups in the afternoon but in the morning there was a smaller more focused meeting of WILPF with:

Women Cross the DMZ -- WILPF International co-sponsors that group. Advocates for final peace treaty in Korea and reunification of North and South Korea. A nimble and agile group... pretty small with condensed leadership and one issue.

Women for Genuine Security -- work mostly in the Pacific Rim around military bases having negative affect at the communities around these bases. Housing prices increase, violent crimes go up. The sex trade goes up. Huge long term affect is the contamination and poisoning of land and water near the bases.

Other groups in the afternoon included **WHOS KNOWLEDGE**... how the record of knowledge on the internet are male dominated. Written BY men and ABOUT men. The photos are important for impressing young girls with their potential... Wikipedia also seemingly male dominated.

WILPF will be collaborating with WOMEN CROSS THE DMZ, using some of their letters to the editors and printed pieces. Also a lot in common with WFGS.

We'll be looking for people who are interested in serving on national committees... to expand our capacity to do more actions and program options. Contact Darien at conjoin@sonic.net.

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CALL NORMS: Norms are the ground rules for how a team collaborates.

Clear meeting norms help align the participants' expectations and guide the actions of team members so we can have a more productive discussion.

- Be prepared and come ready to engage
- Read the agenda and do any preparatory work ahead of time.
- Balance your participation—speak and listen—and make sure everyone's voice is heard.
- Look ahead to positive action, not back on shoulda, woulda, coulda.
- Everyone is responsible for helping to stay on topic—capture off topic items in a backburner' and agree to discuss them later at a more appropriate time.
- Be concise and to the point.
- Be open to feedback.

CALL TEAM MEMBERS: Marybeth Gardam, Anne Henny, Sandy Thacker,
Michael Ippolito, Shilpa Pandey.

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