

August 13th 2020 ONE WILPF CALL

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-- AGENDA --

1- ANNOUNCEMENTS

- POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN** – Mary Bricker-Jenkins (At-Large Tennessee)
WOMEN, MONEY & DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE – Mary Sanderson (Madison Wisconsin WILPF)
NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Laura Dewey (Detroit MI WILPF)
TRAINING FOR VIRTUAL ORGANIZING PLATFORMS – Michael Ippolito (Boston MA WILPF)

2- FEATURED SEGMENT: ELECTION 2020: FACTS NOT FEAR

3- Q&A and MEMBER FORUM - How will YOU participate?

4- SEASON OF SOLIDARITY actions update- Cherrill Spencer (Palo Alto CA WILPF) - cherrill.m.spencer@gmail.com Brief Q&A

5-ADJOURN and SOAPBOX

ANNOUNCEMENTS NOTES

- WILPF 4 POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN Update –
MARY BRICKER-JENKINS wilpf4ppc@gmail.com

<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>

<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/about/press/poor-low-income-people-eager-to-vote-as-poor-peoples-campaign-releases-study-on-their-power/>

<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/resource/power-of-poor-voters/>

<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/voting/>

- WILPF US **WOMEN, MONEY & DEMOCRACY** Committee
Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month, 8:30pm eastern.
Contact mbgardam@gmail.com to join us.

PROJECTS: Public Banking Toolkit, War Drives Debt/Debt Drives War Project.

WATCH PARTY: THE LAUNDROMAT film on Netflix.

TRAILER: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wuBRcfe4bSo>

SCREWNOMICS book groups: www.Screwnomics.org

AND MORE – info at mbgardam@gmail.com

bit.ly/WILPFusZoomTrainingLink

- **BOARD OPENINGS & DEADLINES**

LAURA DEWEY, Detroit MI WILPF

- To obtain a nominating form or application to run for the election or to ask questions,
email the Nominating Committee at nominatingcommittee@wilpfus.org
- **Deadline** to nominate a member for the Board: **September 30**
- **Deadline** to send application for election: **October 4**
- **Board candidates require just 2 consecutive years of WILPF membership.**

- **VIRTUAL CONFERENCING PLATFORMS – TRAINING**

(via Maestro Call) Michael Ippolito Michael@teamgood.org

Thursday, Aug 27th.

TIME: 5:30pacific, 6:30mountain , 7:30 central, 8:30pm eastern

REGISTRATION LINK:

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SPEAKER Segment NOTES:

ELECTION 2020- FACTS NOT FEAR

WILPF Advancing Human Rights Issue Committee TRI-CHAIRS

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Setou Ouatarra (Boston MA WILPF) ouattarasetou@gmail.com

Martha Collins (Milwaukee WI WILPF) martha4progress@gmail.com

GUEST SPEAKERS:

- **Chris Carson**, National League of Women Voters. Cscarson1@outlook.com
- **Molly McGrath**, Advocacy Director for Wisconsin ACLU. mmcgrath@aclu.org

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WEBSITE - for updated state-by-state info:

www.VOTE411.org

**Report to ACLU voter
suppression or find your moved
voting place
866-OURVOTE**

WILPF US - SEASON OF SOLIDARITY

- Cherrill Spencer - Cherrill.m.Spencer@gmail.com

SUMMARY REPORT OF SOLIDARITY SEASON by Cherrill Spencer:
REPORT ON 2020 SOLIDARITY SEASON on the UN GLOBAL
CEASEFIRE and 75th ANNIVERSARIES OF HIROSHIMA & NAGASAKI A-
BOMBINGS AND BIRTH OF UN

Summary report for the 13 August ONEWILPF phone call. Compiled by Solidarity
Planning Team co-coordinator Cherrill Spencer. Cherrill.m.spencer@gmail.com

Timeline of planning and events to date:

14th May ONEWILPF call, decide to do a solidarity event based on the UN call for a _Global Ceasefire and possibly more topics- to be decided at another meeting

28th May phone meeting of interested members , choose themes for 1st solidarity event of 2020: 75th Anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings (H&N75 for short) , UN Global Ceasefire, broken treaties and others

11th June ONEWILPF call, further discussions and voting on themes and topics and members offer to be on a solidarity event planning team

14th June During DISARM committee phone call- more planning. Start designing banner. Have 16 planning team members, some with specific tasks.

24th June First meeting of the Solidarity Planning team, by zoom. Now we have a whole solidarity season, 6th August – 21st September. Work starts on resource guides

28th June Banner & Lawn Sign designs finalized by a banner design sub-committee

1st July Second meeting of the Solidarity Planning team, by zoom. Focussing on guides for using the ~1000 peace cranes every branch received by mail from WILPF US headquarters ~ 2 weeks previously. Other guides in process.

3rd July First e-mailing to 41 branch contacts (using official list of branches on WILPF US website). Sent banner & lawn sign designs, ask for personalized info for their branch.

9th July send 6 guides on origami peace cranes to 41 branches. Starting to receive requests for customized banners from branches

9th July ONEWILPF call focuses on solidarity season planning

15th July Six resource guides sent to 41 branches plus instructions for joining the PEACE WAVE

23rd July Third meeting of the Solidarity Planning team, by zoom. Finishing off more resource guides and lists of upcoming pertinent webinars happening even before 6th August, our official start

26th July Another 3 resource guides sent out to 41 branches, plus list of upcoming webinars and films . 16 branches have asked for customized banners & signs and have received them by now.

4th August Last minute email to 41 branches re how to join the H&N75 online streaming events organized by ReThinkMedia and 160 other peace-seeking non-profits . 3 WILPF segments in this event. List of 14 events organized by our branches that was sent to PEACE WAVE organizers in Japan is sent to 41 branches. Our events appear in their 3rd newsletter here: http://www.antiatom.org/english/world_conference/peacewave.html

6th August Many WILPFers watch the online events here: <https://www.hiroshimanagasaki75.org/events>. Some in person WILPF events take place, e.g, in Fresno and Santa Cruz, Ca and Des Moines IA. Others occur via zoom e.g. Tucson hosts WILPFers from other branches in their 75th commemoration. Monterey County holds a virtual lantern ceremony. Peninsula/Palo Alto host a zoom library story telling & crane folding event .

9th August Many WILPFers watch the online events here: <https://www.hiroshimanagasaki75.org/events>. Including 5 minutes recording advertizing the DISARM Committee's online 1945 Timeline and 30 live minutes of DISARM's webinar with hibakusha Hideko Tamura Snider, the webinar carries on via zoom, watch recordings here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNM9SD5QH0xRlozZtfCmbdw/videos> At same link see the WILPF Tucson and Raging Grannies 5 minutes of singing & the story of a

spouse killed by a 1950's nuclear test (it was not shown in the streaming event by a last minute technical hiccup).

10th August onwards : Solidarity Planning Team working on new resource guides for topics we will focus on in the second part of this solidarity season (next planning meeting 19 August, let Cherrill know if you'd like to join our planning team, we still have tasks to be done):

- Possible resumption of nuclear bomb testing
- Call by UN Secretary General for a global ceasefire during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Treaties – how to deal with the broken ones, arms control treaties
- Militarism and the Human Family; and racism; and climate change; and ecological devastation and COVID-19
- 75th Anniversary of the United Nations
- International Day of Peace, 21st September, LAST DAY of our solidarity season

In next week- all branch contacts will be hearing from the planning team with new resource guides on the above topics – will focus on online events , webinars and informative articles to read on the web as we are mostly still sheltering-in-place from COVID-19.

In summary: around 16 branches organized a public event around H&N75, the members in up to 29 branches and numerous members-at-large took part in some H&N75 events.

END OF CHERRILL'S SUMMARY OF SOLIDARITY SEASON UP TO NOW.

Some photos of some WILPF events:

Santa Cruz, CA



Berkeley, CA
Display in a bookshop front window with peace cranes and Sadako's story





Peninsula/Palo Alto Branch above: a special 20 ft high trellis with 1000 cranes, many made by local children on it and a nearby tree.

Someone else put the following text without consulting with Cherrill, thus some of it is not accurate.

Season of Solidarity includes 2 THEMES

THEME1-

75th Anniversary of Hiroshima & Nagasaki Nuclear Attacks. (Aug 6-9)

THEME 2-

UN Call for Global Ceasefire. (Aug 10 – Sept 21st and beyond).

TOPICS INCLUDE

- **Oppose nuclear testing**
- **Oppose new nuclear weapons creation and spending**
- **United Nations 75th Anniversary**
- **MOVE THE MONEY to human needs.**

FIND THE DISARM TIMELINE at
<https://www.vtwilpfgathering.com/timeline>

CONTINUING OUTREACH

Jane Addams Branch for at-large WILPF members:

If you're an at-large member, send your name and email address to **Info@WILPFUS.org** and, with subject line "**J Addams Branch**". We'll add you to this special virtual branch.

WORK FOR CHANGE from your own desk!

Social media and virtual meeting platforms work:

We need you for this work you can do from your home.

To volunteer, send your **name, phone number, and email** address to:

President@WILPFUS.org and, with subject line "**Electronic activism**".

-- INTERACTIVE TEXTPAD --

Type below this line, questions, comments.

-Please add your NAME to your comment, so we know who to respond to.

-Add your email address too if possible.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL NOT TO DELETE any items others post here.

(Type your message **HERE**, like this, with your name and email. – Marybeth Gardam mbgardam@gmail.com)

Ellen Schwartz ellen@nicetechnology.com I note with delight that the participant list automagically shows my profile picture, instead of my having to go in and set it up every single time. Alas and alack, I don't see the chat, which was available in past meetings when I jumped through all the hoops to set up my profile. You win some, you lose some, huh?

Barbara Laxon otrbarbinpeace@comcast.net Why does no one ever speak about the Kellogg- Briand Pact to end all wars signed by the US after WW1? Also in PA third parties were not relieved from getting 5 thousand signatures to get candidates on the ballot during "lockdown" despite a suit brought by Green Party, Liberterian Party and the Constitution Party together. . When the Green Party got 166% of what was required - despite this the Democratic Party is challenging all signatures without cause.....

Marguerite Adelman madel51353@aol.com How do we educate voters that they may not see election results within a day? It could take longer this year....but that doesn't mean that the election was corrupt or rigged. People seem to think that they should get immediate results. Thanks for addressing this question, Chris!!!!

Ellen Schwartz ellen@nicetechnology.com Stop me if I'm wrong but isn't it the case that the complete vote is never counted by 1am? What happens is, there are projections, and sometimes (infuriatingly) the losing candidate will concede. I once poll-watched all day at election day, and a colleague of mine from work was in charge of the precinct. It was a mess, because they had changed the address of polling places in mostly Latinx neighborhoods, so people kept coming to where they were used to voting but now it was a different precinct. It was an important gubernatorial race and every vote was important but we worried that every vote didn't count. Anyway, after a really long day, my co-worker packed up all the ballots and took them to the Registrar of Voers and at around 9pm we got to an election-watch party, just as the mail-in ballots from some precincts in Orange County were being announced. And just like that, the gubernatorial candidate with the fewer votes conceded. We knew the votes from our area hadn't been counted because we had just dropped them off. 1am wouldn't have made a difference. This isn't a time zone thing, it was all California, it was all just an insult to people who had worked hard to vote, and people (my friend) who had worked hard to make sure they could vote.

Cuba and the Bolivarian Alliance Issue Committee (sorry, but I must go now)

In addition to supporting the campaigns for protection of voting rights, including protecting the postal service, and the WILPF Solidarity Campaign, this issue committee is still working hard on the US-Cuba-Canada Collaboration Saving Lives Campaign. Resolutions supporting the medical collaboration with Cuba and opposing the blockade have recently passed in the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and is being addressed by the Washington State Labor Council. Are there WILPF members in any constituency - perhaps Santa Cruz or Palo Alto? - who would be interested in advocating and working on similar resolutions?

There have been only 2 deaths from COVID-19 in the 11 million population of Cuba in the past month. Perhaps we could learn something and save lives here.

contact Leni or Cindy

see webpage for addresses or lenivreeves@gmail.com

Also, we would like to direct your attention to the current general strike and resistance to the right-wing government in Bolivia installed in November 2019 by US supported military coup.

Sorry to go, but I have a conflicting meeting.

abrazos, and happy Fidel's birthday,

Leni

Link to the Peninsula/Palo Alto branch video:

<https://www.facebook.com/PPAWILPF/videos/1345811448956057>

WEBSITES recommended by **Advancing Human Rights Committee**
for PROTECTING VOTER INTEGRITY:

The U.S. is six months out from Election Day, Republicans and Democrats in Congress are headed for a showdown over expanding voting by mail, with Americans set to converge on the polls when experts say the coronavirus could remain a health threat.

The mission of Communities Working Toward Racial Justice,
essential component to **Advancing Human Rights Issue Committee.**

The CWTRJ mission will go all out to find new strategies for outreach. However, everyone will discover this action plan will sometimes be simple and complex as we infuse diversity.

This issue committee will strive to build productive relationships and make a positive impact on multicultural communities by addressing the issue of equity and inclusion.

As we immerse ourselves into diverse communities, we must remain culturally sensitive.

On the April Program Chair call, I mentioned the **Speakers Bureau Project.**
The Speakers Bureau & Voters Protection Project: Varies by State.

Each State has a Speakers Bureau and Voters Protection team.
The webinar training consists of States Voting Rights and Rules.
The goal is to inform voters on the facts on each State's voting laws.

[WEBSITES to Review:](#)

Legislative Action: <https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/state-action-on-covid-19-and-elections.aspx>

Stacy Abrams – Fair Fight: <https://fairfight.com/fair-fight-2020/>

Poor Peoples Campaign: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/>

The Lincoln Project: https://youtu.be/t_yG_-K2MDo

NAACP: <http://naacp.org/vote/>

Advancement Project: <https://advancementproject.org/home/>

State of Pennsylvania Webinar: <https://www.mobilize.us/padems/event/250957/>

Brennan Center for Justice: <https://www.brennancenter.org/issues>

Election Protection: <https://protectthevote.net/>

The League of Women Voters Education Fund: <https://www.vote411.org/>

National Voter Registration Day Org: <https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/>

HUMAN Rights Watch: https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/11/20/voting-human-rights-guide-2020?gclid=EAiaIQobChMIIn7ur7sWa6QIVPvvjBx3wCg0QEAMYAiAAEgK1BvD_BwE

Barak Obama & Eric Holders: AOTL: allontheline@redistrictingaction.org.

Whether you care about providing access to affordable health care, reducing the gun violence that plagues our schools and communities, protecting voting rights, achieving equal pay, or solving the urgent threat of climate change, there is a fundamental structural barrier that prevents progress: rigged electoral maps drawn with surgical precision by politicians to preserve their party’s political power and silence the will of the people.

#cut50: Is a bipartisan effort to cut crime and incarceration across all 50 states. We bring together leaders impacted by the criminal justice system with unlikely allies spanning the political divide to push for criminal justice solutions.
<https://www.thedreamcorps.org/our-programs/cut50/>

[Vote by Mail Training](#)

Harris Announces Vote Safe Act to Protect Voters Amid COVID-19 Crisis

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/2722>

The coronavirus pandemic has highlighted the obstacles many already face when voting. Even before the pandemic, Native Americans, Black and Latinx voters, and voters with disabilities too often faced long lines, inaccessible voting locations, and outright hostility by election officials.

[The Vote Safe Act of 2020 would:](#)

- 1.) Authorize \$5 billion to expand vote-by-mail and early voting and to improve the safety and accessibility of polling places during the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- 2.) Require states to permit no-excuse mail-in absentee voting. Require states to maintain an early voting period of at least 20 days.**
- 3.) Provide grants for states to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of polling places in the following ways:**
- 4.) Ensuring that elections are accessible to individuals with disabilities.**
- 5.) Ensuring adequate protections for language minority voters.**
- 6.) Ensuring voting access for American Indian, Alaska Native, and rural voters. Implementing and promoting curbside voting.**
- 7.) Implementing and meeting a maximum wait time standard or publishing current wait times for voters.**
- 8.) Providing for the training and recruitment of poll workers. Improving access to voter registration.**

[ROCK THE VOTE: Rockthevote.org.](https://www.rockthevote.org)

Rock the Vote Democracy class: <https://www.rockthevote.org/programs-and-partner-resources/democracy-class/>

[Or, download a voter registration form in the following languages:](#)

National Mail Voter Registration Form -- English

Formulario nacional de inscripción de votantes -- Spanish

国家邮件选民登记表 -- Chinese

全国郵便投票者登録用紙 -- Japanese

전국 유권자 우편 등록 양식 -- Korean

Dokumento para sa Pambansang Rehistrasyon ng Botanteng Maghuhulog ng Balota sa Koreo -- Tagalog

Mẫu Đơn Ghi Danh Quốc Gia Của Cử Tri Bằng Thư -- Vietnamese

Arabic

জাতীয় ডাক ভোটার নিবন্ধন ফর্ম - Bengali

Inscription sur les listes électorales -- French

Aplikasyon Enskripsyon Elektè -- Haitian Creole

राष्ट्रीय डक मतदाता पंजीकरण फॉर्म - Hindi

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Solicitação para cadastro de eleitor -- Portuguese

Заявка на регистрацию избирателя -- Russian

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