

**September 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 ONE WILPF CALL**

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**-- AGENDA --**

**1- ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CUBA & BOLIVARIAN ALLIANCE COMMITTEE –**

Cindy Domingo (Seattle WA)

**POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN –**

Mary Bricker-Jenkins (At-Large Tennessee)

Dorothy Van Soest (Seattle WA)

**2- FEATURED SEGMENT:**

**Madison WI - ONE CITY'S EFFORTS TO MONITOR  
AND REFORM THEIR POLICE FORCE**

**Rebecca Kemble, Gisela Wilson, Amelia Royko Maurer**

**Questions for speakers.**

**4- ANNOUNCEMENTS Continue**

**International Day of Peace SOLIDARITY Action – Darien De Lu**

**Jane Addams VIRTUAL Branch Reboots - Dianne Blais**

**Middle East Committee – Barbara Taft**

**DISARM Committee -- Cherrill Spencer**

**4- SEASON OF SOLIDARITY actions update-**

Cherrill Spencer (Palo Alto CA WILPF)cherrill.m.spencer@gmail.com

**5-ADJOURN and SOAPBOX**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT NOTES**

- The **CUBA & BOLIVARIAN ALLIANCE COMMITTEE** invites you to **2 events** focused on the role of women in the Cuban revolution and building solidarity between women in the US and women in Cuba and highlighting the 20 years of work of **US Women and Cuba Collaboration**, the prime sponsor of the event.

**1- The zoom webinar, “Women on the Frontlines”** will celebrate the **60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Federation of Cuban Women, Sunday, September 20 at 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm PST/5:00 pm-6:30 pm EST.** For more information

check out the facebook page **US Women and Cuba Collaboration.**

**REGISTER for the Zoom:** <https://bit.ly/2EVC7bh>  
*Live streamed on US Women and Cuba Facebook Page*

**2- The short film entitled, “Silvio Rodriguez: Mi Primera Tarea (My First Calling)”**

Catherine Murphy’s tribute to Cuba’s iconic singer/songwriter and international recording artist, **Silvio Rodriguez.**

*(Film Producer Catherine Murphy is an active member of our WILPF’s Cuba Issues Committee)*

This event is **Sunday September 20th 5:00 pm PST/8:00 pm EST**

Will be televised live on **Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/hothousechicago>

And on the **HotHouse website**

[www.hothouse.net/HotHouseGlobal](http://www.hothouse.net/HotHouseGlobal)

The short film of the Cuban Literacy Campaign of 1961 and an interview with Silvio who, at the age of 14, volunteered to join the brigade of over 100,000 teenagers to teach rural campesinos how to read and write. The film will be followed by a tribute to Silvio by the performance of a selection of his songs.

**REGISTER for the Film - TICKETS ARE FREE but donations are encouraged.**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/silvio-el-poder-de-a-la-palabra-tickets-119132954875>

• **WILPF 4 POOR PEOPLES CAMPAIGN Update –**

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Dorothy Van Soest     [dorothyv@comcast.net](mailto:dorothyv@comcast.net)

**1- New WILPF Liaison: Dorothy Van Soest. . .**

**2- The M.O.R.E. Initiative & Moral Mondays**

***Unleashing the Power of Poor and Low-Income Americans***

**STUDY:**

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

## The M.O.R.E. Initiative:

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

## Sign up to be a M.O.R.E. Organizer:

Link: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/voting/more-registration/>

## Click on M.O.R.E. at the top and select Registration:

Link: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/voting/moral-monday/>

## • WILPF US BOARD OPENINGS & DEADLINES -

Take your leadership skills to the next level! Consider running for the WILPF-US Board during the election this fall.

Several positions are open, and the **deadline to apply is October 4.**

To obtain a nominating form or application to run for the election or to ask questions, email the Nominating Committee at

[nominatingcommittee@wilpfus.org](mailto: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.**

## FEATURED SPEAKER Segment:

## Madison WI - ONE CITY'S EFFORTS TO MONITOR AND REFORM THEIR POLICE FORCE

### GUEST SPEAKERS:

**Rebecca Kemble**, alder for Madison Wisconsin District 18 Madison WI

**Gisela Wilson**, Madison WI WILPF Branch

**Amelia Royko Maurer**– Co-Founder, Madison WI Community Response Team (CRT)

### Recommendations addressed:

- **Increased civilian oversight of law enforcement, enhanced accountability, and expanded transparency.**
- **Improving and repairing damaged community-police relations and trust, especially in targeted communities.**
- **Increase sensitivity and seek non-traditional responses to individuals with mental illness, drug dependency and those from marginalized communities, including juveniles.**
- **Minimizing the risks of police force, including deadly force.**

Link to the [website](#) for the **Alder Work Group to Develop Logistics & Operational Details for MPD Independent Civilian Oversight** including documentation from other cities as well as Madison's legislation and many working documents.

Link to the **Madison Police Department (MPD) Policy and Procedure Ad Hoc Committee's [final report](#)** with 177 recommendations after 4 years of study.

As the Council was about to vote to allocate \$400,000 for a consultant to do an audit of MPD at the request of the Ad Hoc Committee, the **Police Chief wrote this [outrageous public blog](#)** calling it his "*preemptive first strike*" *against the citizens who guided the study, "letting us know that they, the purveyors of the legal means of violence in our community, were watching us. Throughout the course of our work many of us have received death threats and campaigns against us by the police union. This work is not for the light hearted."* - Rebecca Kemble.

Link to [a story Rebecca wrote](#) for the Progressive magazine after the **police killing of Tony Robinson** which was the event that initiated the formation of that Ad Hoc Committee. Inspiring protests led by courageous middle and high schoolers who were friends of Tony's. Here's an **excerpt**:

*"Over the years I've noticed that my kids' generation seems to value friendship, love, and loyalty much more than my cohort did growing up in the 1970s and 1980s. Yesterday I saw the fierceness of that love and loyalty embodied in the non-violent and highly disciplined expression of grief and outrage over the killing of one of their own.*

*"Against the advice of many adults in the community, thousands of middle and high school students managed to pull off multiple acts of civil disobedience in honor of Tony Robinson, and all without incident. Their willingness to take a risk and fight for justice in this way challenges us adults not only to make better decisions, but to take action on our professed values and hold ourselves accountable for the outcomes.*

*"On the night before the walk-out, Rev. Alex Gee, pastor at Fountain of Life Covenant Church, spoke at a vigil for Tony Robinson. "Some of us get old and tired and frustrated, but these young folks, multiethnic, multicultural, beautiful, are taking to the streets," he said. "And I am so happy that I can believe our future can be different, not because of those who are in place, but because of those who are coming up behind us."*

*"Having witnessed the love, creativity, empathy and determined focus of Tony Robinson's friends and supporters in action, I couldn't agree more."*

Another [story about the \\$3.35M settlement](#) the Robinson family received in civil court. The officer who killed Tony is still on the police force, and the movement that grew up around Tony's killing - including the seeds for the **Community Response Team** of which Gisela is a part - is largely responsible for all the progress we've made in Madison.



***Thank you Gisela, Rebecca and Amelia, for your steadfast and courageous work in Madison.***

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS NOTES/continued**

- Darien De Lu, WILPF US Section President - [President@wilpfus.org](mailto:President@wilpfus.org)

**“We Are Many”** -- affirming the value of activism! -- **film viewing:** An opportunity to remember that our united power *is* of important, even tho’ we didn’t stop the 2nd Iraq war.

**See the film** on International Day of Peace, Mon. Sept 21st.

TRAILER: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IsTCWm7IGcQ&feature=youtu.be>

LEARN MORE: <https://www.wearemany.com/learn-more/>

GIVE YOUR OWN WITNESS STATEMENT:

<https://www.wearemany.com/iwasthere/>

**Please wait to BUY TICKETS!!** – (Senior Citizens \$7 each)!

**The special link for WILPF US is not yet on this site:**

<https://www.wearemany.com/screenings/>

**You cannot yet pay for tickets in a way that offers any financial benefit to WILPF!** *In a week or so, you’ll be able to* SCROLL DOWN to find the

“NATIONWIDE” Category. *At that time, you’ll be able to* look for the WILPF US name. **Then, we hope you’ll** Click on the BUY TICKETS tab for *our WILPF US* name, to offer a small financial benefit to WILPF.

**WILPF US will receive a portion of ticket sales as a fundraiser.**

**AND -- support the WILPF US Call for Peace in *many* ways -- *including* put (an LED) candle in your window on 9/21, Int'l Peace Day!**

- **JANE ADDAMS VIRTUAL BRANCH –**  
**for At-Large Members across the US**

**Dianne Blais, Branch Leader** [dianneblais@aol.com](mailto:dianneblais@aol.com) 703-830-1998

**1-**View the “WE ARE MANY” FILM on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**2-** Then join the Zoom **BRANCH Meeting** on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm eastern/5pm pacific.

- **MIDDLE EAST COMMITTEE Update – Barbara Taft**  
**Bridges Not Walls Project** and more eNews this week.  
**2 Ceasefires: Gaza and Yemen.**  
**Relief for Beirut Lebanon**

- **DISARM COMMITTEE Update – Cherrill Spencer**  
**September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Zoom WEBINAR -**  
**6pm eastern/3pm pacific**

**“Obstacles to Nuclear Abolition:Telling the Truth About the Relationship between the US and Russia.”**

A conversation with Alice Slater, World Beyond War board member and activist and David Swanson, ED of World Beyond War, and attendees.

**JOIN HERE at 6pm ET:** [https://www.vtwilpfgathering.com/9-20-](https://www.vtwilpfgathering.com/9-20-zoom)

[zoom](#)

***You're invited** to join the Disarm/End Wars conference calls on the **second and last Sundays at 4:30 pm pacific time, 7:30 pm eastern time,** contact [disarmchair@wilpfus.org](mailto:disarmchair@wilpfus.org) if you want to participate in the call and/or want to join the Disarm/End Wars Committee email listserve."*

- **WILPF US - SEASON OF SOLIDARITY**  
**Cherrill Spencer - [Cherrill.m.Spencer@gmail.com](mailto:Cherrill.m.Spencer@gmail.com)**

41 branches -- 15 branches participated in the peace cranes project.

**Resource Guide #10 -- MEDIA RESOURCES**

Excellent resource for ANY activist work.

*Get them from Cherrill if you have not received them yet.*



**For those who would like to continue with United Nations and disarmament activities beyond the end of the CEASEFIRE/75th Solidarity season on 21st September**, a new collaboration of multiple organizations has emerged, they are calling themselves

## **#WeThePeoples2020**

**#WeThePeoples2020** is coordinated by the Abolition 2000 Youth Network, Basel Peace Office, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament, UNFOLD ZERO and the World Future Council.  
[Click here](#) to see the list of participating organisations. .

**Basel Peace Office** has joined with other organizations to launch [#WeThePeoples2020](#), a platform to promote events and objectives (listed below), and to build cooperation amongst civil society.

[Click here](#) to join as an organisation. [Click here](#) to join as an individual.

**You can join as an individual** which will get you on their mailing list to be informed about future activities.

### **“We the Peoples of the United Nations:**

Determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war... reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights... establish respect for international law... and promote social progress...

Have resolved to combine our efforts to achieve these aims.

----- **Excerpt from the Preamble to the UN Charter**

## UN Days: Peace, climate, SDGs, nuclear abolition and nonviolence

**#WeThePeoples2020** runs from the [International Day for Peace](#) (Sep 21) until the [International Day for Non-violence](#) (Oct 2). This period also includes:

- **Sep 21:** [UN 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary High Level Event](#)
- **Sep 21-24:** [Sustainable Development Summit](#)
- **Sep 21-27:** [UN Climate Week](#)
- **Sep 26:** [UN Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons](#)
- **Sep 30** [UN Summit on Biodiversity](#)
- **Oct 1.** [High Level Meeting on Women](#)

[Click here](#) to see the calendar of events for #WeThePeoples2020. [Click here](#) to submit your event for inclusion in the calendar.

#WeThePeoples2020 promotes the connections between peace, climate protection, SDGs, disarmament and the COVID19 pandemic.

*“It has become obvious that peace, disarmament, justice, sustainable development and environmental protection are required to adequately address the pandemic and ‘build back better’.*

### ELECTION 2020 - FACTS NOT FEAR

#### August 2020 ONE WILPF Call

Recoding: <https://wilpfus.org/documents/one-wilpf-calls/OWC-August2020/presentation.mp3>

eAlert filled with great info to prepare for getting out the vote and defending against voter

suppression: <https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Election-2020--What-YOU-can-do--now---later-.html?soid=1121720227619&aid=xmvvmec4a4U>

### VOTING QUESTIONS TO ANSWER AND SHARE WITH FRIENDS

1) Yes/No –Do you know if your state’s Secretary of State rejected or invalidated more than 30,000 ballots in the primary elections of this year?

2) Yes/No –Have you checked voting records to confirm if you are *still* registered to vote?



3) Yes/No –

**Will you check *again* before the voter registration deadline?**

4) Yes/No –

**Do you know of a neighborhood in your area that you would considered *targeted* for voter suppression?**

5) Yes/No –

**Do you know the voter registration deadline in your state/county?**

6) Yes/No –

**Do you know the requirements for voting identification in your state?**

7) Yes/No –

**Do you know the requirements for qualifying for vote-by-mail in your state?**

**-- 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.

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– Marybeth Gardam mbgardam@gmail.com