

## SPEAKING IN ONE VOICE AS ONE WILPF

Starting in 2017, WILPF US initiated member supported **SOLIDARITY EVENTS** that unite branches and members who act together across America on a single day, standing together and speaking with one message, one voice. ***When we stand together we are stronger, inspired, more visible, and we amplify one another's voices from California to Maine.***

2017—Our members used our monthly **ONE WILPF All Member Calls** to choose **EARTH DAY** as the first **SOLIDARITY DAY** with the common message: **“WILPF demands PEACE & PLANET BEFORE PROFIT”**. 27 of our branches acted in unison, participating with tabling events, marches, teach-ins and banner-holding in public spaces. *Photo: The East Bay California Branch.*



In June the members voted to also participate in the **WOMEN'S MARCH TO BAN THE BOMB** in New York City, with **sister marches** throughout the country. About 17 branches stood in solidarity with this message about banning nuclear weapons, and they promoted a **PETITION Campaign** our **DISARM COMMITTEE** launched to encourage the US to sign on to the UN Treaty to ban nuclear weapons.

**In 2018** WILPF US members chose **THREE** Solidarity Events to participate in, and ended up adding a 4<sup>th</sup>.



In early January many of our branches marched with WILPF banners in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Women's Marches** in cities across America. *Photo: the Pittsburgh PA branch.*

Once again on **EARTH DAY**, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, over 20 branches marched with the Scientists, tabling and teaching about care of the earth with our **“PEACE & PLANET BEFORE PROFIT”** banners.

In May, through our partnership with **The POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN**, roughly 25 branches participated in the PPC's **40 Days of Action**, beginning on May 14<sup>th</sup> and continuing through June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Each Monday of those 6 weeks there were coordinated marches and demonstrations at state capitols and many of our WILPF members risked arrest and were jailed overnight to support the demands of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters to seek economic justice. Our work with the Poor People's Campaign continues.



Our last Solidarity Event of 2018 will be the **Hiroshima Remembrance Days** in early August. So far a dozen or so branches are planning solemn vigils, film showings, teach-ins and the Burlington VT branch brought a Hibakusha (survivor of Hiroshima) to speak at a conference in July, in preparation for the Anniversary of Hiroshima.

These **SOLIDARITY EVENTS** have united members in a way that underscores our strength, reinforces our identity, and amplifies our voice across the United States.

**We are ONE WILPF.**