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 —
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
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 peacemakers.

• 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
#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
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

WILPF Member
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)

“We 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.
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.
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
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 www.wilpfus.org/donate. 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.
SYSTEM CHANGE will take ALL of us TOGETHER