

We'll be starting just a couple minutes after 7 to give everyone time to join who is hurriedly looking for the zoom link. 😊

Welcome... and we look forward to One WILPF Call Team participating tonight.

**ONE WILPF Call Team to Everyone** 6:07 PM

Mark One WILPF Call Teamr calendars for June 8th, 2022, the next One WILPF Call.

**One WILPF Call Team:** find archived previous call recordings here on our website: <https://wilpfus.org/story/one-wilpf-calls>

One WILPF Call Team can access the most recent ones here on our One WILPF Call Teamtube Channel: [www.OneWILPF Call Teamtube.com/WILPFusTODAY](http://www.OneWILPFCallTeamtube.com/WILPFusTODAY)

**Nancy Price to Everyone** 6:07 PM

Hello from Nancy Price in Davis, CA with four days of rain and wind now upon us. I may lose internet connection, hope not.

**One WILPF Call Team to Everyone** 6:08 PM

**Here is where to join WILPFus**, the oldest international women's organization in the world: [www.wilpfus.org/join](http://www.wilpfus.org/join)

The TEXTPAD Google Doc will be available at our ONE WILPF Call page on our website:

<https://wilpfus.org/story/one-wilpf-calls>

**One WILPF Call Team to Everyone** 6:09 PM

**We are looking for someone to help with future calls, starting with the June 8<sup>th</sup> call.**

Contact us at [info@wilpfus.org](mailto:info@wilpfus.org) to help with One WILPF Calls.

**George Friday to Everyone** 6:09 PM

Greetings all - Glad to be here. Sadly, I have another Zoom I must facilitate that starts at 8. I will leave at about 10 minutes before the hour.

**Beth Wilson to Everyone** 6:09 PM

Beth Wilson, Olalla, Washington State

**Judith Sheldon to Everyone** 6:09 PM

Judith Sheldon, she/her, Detroit Branch

**Martha Karnopp to Everyone** 6:09 PM

Martha Karnopp (she/her), Aurora, CO USA

**Priscilla Sheehan to Everyone** 6:09 PM

Misty Sheehan Traverse City she

**Stacy Fatale to Everyone** 6:10 PM

Stacy Fatale, she, her, Massachusetts

**Cheryl VanDeVeer to Everyone** 6:10 PM

Cheryl VanDeVeer Santa Cruz, CA

**Sharon Benjamin to Everyone** 6:10 PM

Sharon Benjamin, She/her, located in San Jose CA

**Betty Traynor** to Everyone 6:10 PM

Betty Traynor, she/her, San Francisco, CA. Will need to leave early.

**Ann Frisch** to Everyone 6:10 PM

Ann Frisch Twin cities of Minnesota,

I work inside Rotary to bring business and professional men and women into the movement to abolish nuclear weapons.

**Priscilla Sheehan** to Everyone 6:11 PM

Hey Judith I am from MI too!

great! I'd love to be in contact. I haven't been able to get a chapter up here in TC

**Caroline Hossein**, Univ of Toronto, Canada to Everyone 6:14 PM

Caroline Hossein (from the U of Toronto), from Toronto, Canada, happy to be in a feminist space with WILPF. A wonderful intro.

**One WILPF Call Team** to Everyone 6:16 PM

Books as resources for tonight's program:

**The Color of Money: Black Banks and the Racial Wealth Gap by Mehrsa Baradaran**

<https://bookshop.org/p/books/the-color-of-money-black-banks-and-the-racial-wealth-gap-mehrsa-baradaran/14806396>

**The White Wall: How Big Finance Bankrupts Black America by Emily Flitter**

<https://bookshop.org/p/books/the-white-wall-how-big-finance-bankrupts-black-america-emily-flitter/18240425>

Find the recording featuring Caroline Hossein from our partner **An Economy of Our Own** here:

<https://www.aneconomyofourown.org/events/2022/01/17-mutual-aid>

**Laura Dewey** to Everyone 6:18 PM

Laura Dewey (she/her) Detroit Branch

**Julie Kabukanyi** to Everyone 6:30 PM

I am interested on the study. Julie Kabukanyi

**Beth Wilson** to Everyone 6:30 PM

How does MicroFinance relate to ROSCAs?

**Ashley Carrington** to Everyone 6:35 PM

Please place One WILPF Call Team questions in the chat!

**Julie Kabukanyi** to Everyone 6:41 PM

We have the same system here in the US, called Moziki.

**Stacy Fatale** to Everyone 6:44 PM

Do One WILPF Call Team earn "interest" from putting One WILPF Call Teamr money in the ROSCAs? Do the members vote on political donations? How do the members insure their funds? Is it all in the form of cash, coins? I am just thinking of the concrete things I know, since I don't know this system.

**Ann Frisch** to Everyone 6:46 PM

Women Cross DMZ will be in New York (April 19 and 20), Chicago, Madison WI, and possibly Minneapolis St. Paul in next two months. Working for Peace Treaty with Democratic People's Republic of Korea. If One WILPF Call Team need more information or can help them, contact Christine Ahn, [christine@womencrossdmz.org](mailto:christine@womencrossdmz.org)

**Beth Wilson** to Everyone 6:46 PM

Are ROSCAs similar to microcredit women's groups?

**Caroline Hossein**, Univ of Toronto, Canada to Everyone 6:46 PM

Julie, pls be in touch with me

**Nancy Price** to Everyone 6:47 PM

This system One WILPF Call Team describe seems different from the Investment Circles that women over many decades have formed to discuss stocks their group could invest in.

**Caroline Hossein**, Univ of Toronto, Canada to Everyone 6:49 PM

caroline.hossein@utoronto.ca

**Virginia Pratt** to Everyone 6:52 PM

I have heard about something like this among Asian groups in the US, especially when Asians were very discriminated against in the US 50 - 100 years ago. Virginia Pratt, Boston

**Virginia Pratt** to Everyone 6:58 PM

This is also a little bit like what people in the Amish community do. Virginia Pratt

**Beth Wilson** to Everyone 7:00 PM

Building social capital while they also build financial capital!

**Laura Dewey** to Everyone 7:00 PM

Typically, how large are the Roscas, that is, how many members participate?

**Stacy Fatale** to Everyone 7:01 PM

Thank One WILPF Call Team.

**Beth Wilson** to Everyone 7:02 PM

Thank One WILPF Call Team, gotta run!

**Nancy Price** to Everyone 7:04 PM

Another aspect of this community-based cooperative financial groups or circles could be participatory budgeting applied to public funds that a city or county must develop an annual budget for spending each year. This is when members of the community or city develop the budget. Started in Brazil when women found their needs and those of their families were ignored.

**Betty Traynor** to Everyone 7:06 PM

Yes City Rally in San Francisco at 24th and Mission.

**One WILPF Call Team** to Everyone 7:06 PM

WILPF members all over the US, please join a **huge Peace in Ukraine rally in Washington DC on Saturday March 18th** at 1:00pm EST at the White House or one of the sister rallies in other cities.

**Buses will be available** from many East Coast cities to get people into DC.

**Many anti-war organizations are collaborating** on this 20th Anniversary of the Iraq War to protest the continuation of the war in Ukraine.

**WILPF US has endorsed this rally** and urges our members to attend one of the rallies on 18th March.

**Besides DC there will be rallies in Ann Arbor, Detroit, Los Angeles and San Francisco, (and more are being added).**

Find details of where exactly to meet : <https://peaceinukraine.org> and scroll down.

Also look at <https://www.codepink.org/piu20iraq>

The demonstrations will make connections between the human and financial toll of U.S. militarism at home and abroad.

**Key demands include:**

End the \$100 Billion in arms shipments to Ukraine

End NATO

Stop the permanent war economy that funnels trillions of dollars away from jobs, education and health care

Negotiations now! The people of the U.S. are not interested in the possibility of nuclear war nor the Pentagon's policy of "weakening Russia."

No to war with China!

Write to [disarmchair@wilpfus.org](mailto:disarmchair@wilpfus.org) for more info.

**Darien De Lu, WILPF Prez, on Nisenan land** to Everyone 7:06 PM

Carol Urner, at the WILPF 100th anniv. Congress, five of us stayed on a canal houseboat, with Carol, who celebrated her — 90th? — birthday that April. She had a bounty of flyers to distribute at the Congress, on Disarm issues. Carol, presente!

**One WILPF Call Team** to Laura Dewey (Direct Message) 7:07 PM

Laura... RASCA groups are typically pretty small because participants are only admitted when the "Banker lady" knows them personally. Anyone new must be vetted.

**Ellen Thomas** to Everyone 7:08 PM

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**One WILPF Call Team** to Everyone 7:09 PM

THE FUTURE IN OUR POCKETS:

Making Money Work for The Common Good.

With the Bank Credit System at the root of forever wars, eco-collapse, and racist inequality, there are solutions and allies we can support.

Change the Money...Change the Future.

The recording from this webinar is now available at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R\\_CUs95Rv0c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_CUs95Rv0c)

**One WILPF Call Team** to Everyone 7:15 PM

WORLD WATER DAY

Earth Democracy February eNews

<https://wilpfus.org/news/updates/world-water-day-2023-accelerating-change-meet-Sdgs-2030>

This year, the United Nations combined World Water Day (March 22 nd) with World Toilet Day (November 19th) under the theme **“Accelerating Change to speed up achieving Sustainable Development Goal 6”** – safely managed clean water and sanitation - by 2030.

Water affects everyone!

Water is a dealmaker for the Sustainable Development Goals,

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/> and for the health and prosperity of people and planet.

But our progress on water related goals and targets remains alarmingly off track, jeopardizing the entire sustainable development agenda.

**Earth Democracy will prepare a Fact Sheet about** Public/Public cooperation vs. Public/Private Corporations

**The UN 2023 Water Conference March 22-24, 2024** is the first event of its kind for nearly 50 years and is a once-in-a-generation moment for the world to unite around water.

- **2. Great News: Food and Water Watch is re-introducing the WATER Act**

The Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity and Reliability (WATER) Act is returning to Congress and **it's better than ever!**

Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman has joined Rep. Ro Khanna as a co-lead, and they are introducing the bill next month! Sen. Bernie Sanders will introduce the Senate companion.

The WATER Act provides a vision for a permanent federal investment to renovate our nation's old water pipes, stop sewage overflows, address water contamination, and help address our water affordability crisis.

Last year, the legislation received the support of more than 100 members of Congress and more than 550 organizations.

**What can YOU do to support these efforts for protecting precious water on our planet?**

We will be asking WILPF members to call Congress to line up support. Earth Democracy will have a Fact Sheet and call script.

**The Water Act of 2023 will:**

Provide \$35 billion a year to drinking water and wastewater improvements.

Create up to nearly 1 million jobs across the economy, establish a water operations jobs training program, and protect U.S. workers;

Prioritize disadvantaged communities with grants and additional support.

Dedicate and expand funding for technical assistance to small, rural and indigenous communities and also colonias.

Fund projects to address water contamination from per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Upgrade household wells and septic systems.

Help replace lead service lines; and  
Provide more than \$1 billion a year to update water infrastructure in public schools.

### **3- A Free Zoom Workshop on PFAS: Tailored for YOUR WILPF Branch**

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances – known as the forever chemical PFAS—have monopolized the news in the last year, especially since the EPA lowered its lifetime advisory limits for two of the most common forms of PFAS to almost 0 parts per trillion (PPT) and is considering classifying them as hazardous substances.

#### **Would YOU like to learn more about PFAS in YOUR area?**

Marguerite Adelman of WILPF Burlington has designed a free zoom program that she is offering to WILPF branches across the country that would like to understand this complex issue as it relates to their state and community.

Included in the workshop will be: specific information about PFAS in YOUR state and specific location;  
how to use the Military Poisons website to conduct research;  
laws and legislation about PFAS in One WILPF Call Teamr state and nationally;  
actions that can be taken at the local, state, and national level to restrict PFAS; and  
ways to reduce personal risk from PFAS contamination.

Each one-hour workshop will be tailored to YOUR location and offered at a time that is convenient for One WILPF Call Team and YOUR WILPF members. An additional half hour or hour can be dedicated to questions and discussion.

All resource materials developed through WILPF US mini-grants and WILPF US Earth Democracy committee will be shared with WILPF branches that choose to participate in the free zoom session, including PFAS information sheets, grant proposals, sample letters to the editor, and more. One WILPF Call Team can contact Marguerite at [PFASinfo@wilpfus.org](mailto:PFASinfo@wilpfus.org) to request a zoom workshop.

**Nancy Price** 7:25 PM

Wonderful program...very inspiring about what women can do when they get together.