THE OILY DOLLAR
The MAY 13th 2021 ONE WILPF CALL (1st ZOOM!)

AGENDA:

WELCOME & INSTRUCTIONS

CONGRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS – Beverly Fitzpatrick, Congress Program Planning Committee (ConPro)
  Deadline for submitting proposals May 31st. Registrations begin June 15th. See info below.

PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS – Darient De Lu
  Need volunteers for 2 Ad Hoc short term Committees: Long Term Planning and WILPF Addressing Racism Committees.

FEATURED SEGMENT “The OILY DOLLAR” –
  Rickey Gard Diamond and Charlotte Dennett, introduced by Barb Taft

ANNOUNCEMENTS -
  The Poor People’s Campaign, DISARM, Cuba & Bolivarian Alliance, Women-Money-Democracy

With a VIRTUAL CONGRESS,
EVERYONE can attend!
Let’s work to get the word out!
The WILPF US Congress Program Committee (CONPRO) is accepting panel proposals for the **34th Triennial (virtual) Congress** August 13 – 15 & August 20 – 22 with weekday afternoon/evening meetings (depending on number of responses).

The weekends consist of:
- Friday afternoon/evening;
- Saturday all day and evening *(taking into consideration time zones)*;
- Sunday, morning/afternoon; *(although more time slots may be added to Sunday’s Meeting)*

**Deadline to submit: Monday, May 31, 2021.**

In addition, if the proposed session is pre-recorded it needs to be submitted for editing by June 30, 2021.

Since time is short, please write your own script and rehearse. *It usually takes 2 minutes to say 200 words.*
Proposal Types: CONPRO is accepting 4 types of presentation proposals along with an entertainment proposal. Please review guidelines for each type of proposal carefully and use the provided a modified sample (90 minute) accepted CSW proposal to complete your submission.

Moderators are required: for roundtables, panels, and branch presentations. Guidelines and training are forthcoming.

Roundtables (2 hr, including Q&A) a group of 4 – 6 participants plus a moderator - would focus on social justice issues, which would intersect with the varied topics of WILPFUS activism and policymaking, e.g., economic, environmental, legislative, feminism, racism/anti-racism.

Panel presentations (90 mins, including Q&A) a group of 3 – 4 plus a moderator - should focus on one or more of the topics that WILPF traditionally or contemporarily works.

Branch Presentations, singular or collaborative (30-45 min, including Q&A) - should focus on ONE of their projects that enhances WILPF US’s outreach and/or policy-making. Collaborative efforts on one project across branches are greatly encouraged.

Interviews (30-45 min, including Q&A if applicable) - could focus on lifting up individuals in WILPF, for example, senior members, activists, authors.

Entertainment (15-30 minutes) can be proposals for music, artistic endeavors around WILPF issues, Raging Grannies' songs, poetry – use your imagination.

Please do not submit the same proposal or a slightly modified one for two different sessions. Considering that there are a limited number of congress slots available, priority will be given to proposals that are most relevant to the mission of WILPF US and adhere to submission guidelines.
Send proposals to congresscoordinator@wilpfus.org (Mary Hanson Harrison)

WILPF US Program Committee:
Janet Slagter, Laura Dewey, Beverly Fitzpatrick, Mary Hanson Harrison, Karina Renee Lopez, Leni Villagomez Reeves, and Robin Lloyd

PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:  Darien De Lu
President@wilpfus.org

The New Corporation: The Unfortunately Necessary Sequel – including trailer: https://thenewcorporation.movie/
SAVE THE (tentative) DATE for this PREVIEW film showing!

Tentatively – Thursday, June 17,
7 pm EDT AND 7 pm PDT
Watch for details in the June eNews and/or in eAlerts!

FEATURED PRESENTATION:
THE OILY DOLLAR
Rickey Gard Diamond
www.Screwnomics.org
www.AnEconomyofOurOwn.org

INTRODUCTION TO OILY DOLLARS
FURTHER LEARNING RESOURCES

What is a Petro Dollar
https://www.thebalance.com/what-is-a-petrodollar-3306358

What is Forex Trading

How Petrodollars Affect the US Dollar
https://www.investopedia.com/articles/forex/072915/how-petrodollars-affect-us-dollar.asp#:~:text=The%20petrodollar%20system%20also%20creates,in%20U.S.%20dollar%2Ddenominated%20assets

Dollar Recycling And Military Encirclement
https://michael-hudson.com/2020/05/dollar-recycling-and-military-encirclement/

https://www.amazon.com/Petrodollar-Warfare-Iraq-Future-Dollar/dp/0865715149

Charlotte Dennett
The Crash of Flight 3804
How pipelines, espionage and militarism fuel our past and current military conflicts in the Middle East.

Q&A FOR RICKEY AND CHARLOTTE appeared in the CHAT. They are included in the you tube video at this link: https://youtu.be/MqBsQVNt784

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1 THE POOR PEOPLE’S CAMPAIGN
   Dorothy VanSoest
   wilpf4ppc@gmail.com

2 DISARM/END WARS COMMITTEE
   Co-Chair Cherrill Spencer and DISARM member Bruce Shey
   Cherrill.m.Spencer@gmail.com

May 2021 Disarm Legislative Action Campaign

The WILPF US Disarm committee has identified two significant pieces of legislation that are stuck in committees of the 117th Congress. WILPF Disarm is asking for volunteers to engage in a sustained lobbying campaign consisting of phone calls to members of the House of Representatives to support two bills that seek to defund the military and move the money to human needs. (details in call-to-action section below).

Rep. Ro Khanna introduced HR-2227 to take immediate action to halt the modernization of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs), and Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton introduced HR-2850, which is a holistic bill to disable and dismantle all of America’s nuclear weapons.

Disarm committee members attended a webinar facilitated by Peace Action related to HR-2227. Legislative staffers for the bill’s sponsors were guests at the webinar. The staffers recommend a targeted and sustained phone calling campaign to bring constant attention to the legislation resulting in
more cosponsors and action from the committees where the legislation now sits. It is urgent that we make these calls NOW.

**HR-2227 Investing in Cures Before Missiles Act of 2021** (click here)

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The text is found in the Senate companion bill **S-982**. The intent of this legislation is to halt modernization of the ICBM’s that make up the land leg of the nuclear triad. The formal name of this modernization activity is Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) program.

The **Federation of American Scientists** have evaluated and made recommendations for alternatives to GBSD. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) projects the cost of this modernization at over $264 Billion.

A first step to disarmament of this leg of the triad is to defund the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD) program and transfer billions of dollars to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for universal coronavirus vaccine and research into emerging zoonotic infectious diseases.

**HR-2850 Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion** (click here)

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton announced the re-introduction of her "Nuclear Weapons Abolition and Economic and Energy Conversion Act" on April 24, 2021. She has introduced a version of this bill every year since 1994. The bill is a comprehensive approach to the redirection all funds used for nuclear weapons programs to be redirected to human needs and carbon free nuclear free energy. A major update for this version of the bill includes an option to ratify the

**United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (Treaty)**

Additional background information, including the history of the bill, are found on the **Proposition One** website.

In addition to making phone calls, a letter to your representative can be sent (click here).
STRATEGY

There are 45 representatives who sit on both the Progressive Caucus and the Defense Spending Reduction Caucus. Each of these representatives are likely allies of HR-2227 and HR-2850.

Call To Action:

There are two immediate actions for each WILPF member to take:

1. Familiarize yourself with HR-2227 and HR-2850 (using websites in above paragraphs)

2. Commit to making 6-7 phone calls a day for the next two weeks to a set of Representatives that may be outside your congressional district. Be sure to identify yourself as a WILPF US member!

Intended Outcome:

45 representatives receive multiple phone calls asking for their co-sponsorship of HR-2227 and HR-2850 as well as thanking them for and support already provided.

The multiple calls result in buildup of formal cosponsors for the bills and to keep the bills on the call reports that are regularly delivered to the representatives. Identifying ourselves as WILPF US members also raises our visibility as an organization and as effective allies in the peace movement.

SIGN UP NOW for this action campaign! Time is of the essence.

Scripts and phone lists will be available.

Contact disarmchair@wilpfus.org to sign up for this action campaign and receive the calling materials.

Cherrill Spencer - CoChair
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Robin Lloyd - CoChair
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This is a crucial time in US-Cuba relations.

DONATIONS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR SYRINGES

The pandemic continues, vaccine inequities amounting to class warfare as well as apartheid are displayed worldwide, and the Biden administration has declared Cuba policy something that it may get around to some day later. Cuba has been sending healthcare teams to Mexico, to Togo, to Italy, to Haiti to Mozambique, and about 30 other countries as well.

Cuba is also producing vaccines; they have two vaccine candidates completing phase II clinical trials, the last step before licensing. High-income countries already own more than half of all global doses purchased, and it is estimated that there will not be enough vaccine doses to cover the world’s population until at least 2023. On average in high income countries about 1 in 4 people has been vaccinated, while in low income countries it is less than one in 500. Until COVID vaccines reach the whole world the virus will continue to mutate into potentially more contagious and/or lethal strains.

Nobody is safe until everybody is safe.

Cuba has already committed to share vaccine with other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, and elsewhere in the world. Iran, Mexico, Jamaica, and other countries have expressed interest, as has the African Union, representing all 55 nations in Africa. Cuba will apply a sliding scale to its Covid-19 vaccine exports,
as it does with services of medical professionals overseas, so what it charges reflects the countries’ ability to pay.

But syringes are now what TP and hand sani were at the start of the pandemic, and Cuba is suffering under the US blockade, in place more than 60 years and intensified during the pandemic. Cuba is short of about 20 million of the 30 million syringes it needs.

The National Network on Cuba - which includes the WILPF Cuba and the Bolivarian Alliance Committee - has combined with the Canadian Network on Cuba, the Saving Lives Campaign and Global Health Partners to purchase syringes for Cuba.

Donations to the appeal can be made at [https://ghpartners.org/syringes4cuba/](https://ghpartners.org/syringes4cuba/)

Checks payable to Global Health Partners (with “Syringe Campaign” in the memo) can be sent to: Global Health Partners, 39 Broadway, Suite 1540, New York, NY 10006

“Charity is humiliating because it's exercised vertically and from the top. Solidarity is horizontal and involves mutual respect.”

-Eduardo Galeano-

Join the committee!
We also invite you to participate in the activities of our vital committee. We will be meeting soon. There is a lot going on, not only with Cuba solidarity but also in Colombia.

Colombia
Our WILPF sisters in Colombia recently broadcast an appeal for help and solidarity.

Colombia is in revolt against right-wing policies that steal from the poor to reward the rich, and people are being killed. They ask us for help. Diana Maria Salcedo Lopez from LIMPAL - WILPF - Colombia recently spoke to us live.

(You can see this on FB if you speak Spanish.)
When asked what people could do to help, in addition to asking us to raise our voices against the Duque government violence, and for international human rights intervention in the situation, she specifically asked for us to work to close the military bases in Colombia.

She noted that:
- There are 82 US military “cells” in Colombia. *(This model is the same that is being used in much of Africa, instead of formal bases.)*
- In their vicinity, there is an increase of anti-woman violence, of rape, of forced prostitution, of unwanted pregnancy, of poverty.
- That this US presence promotes a culture of violence, patterns of military behavior, and increase the presence of arms and munitions.
- That these locations/cells train military forces from other countries, spreading the oppression and violence.

Contact cindydomingo@gmail.com or lenivreeves@gmail.com
or call if you have questions 415 627-8007

**4 Women, Money & Democracy Committee**
Marybeth Gardam Chair
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https://wilpfus.org/our-work/women-money-democracy

Our partner, An Economy of Our Own, will present their next “Zoom of our Own”

**FROM THE GROUND UP!**
Healthy Soil Equals Healthy Climate, Water and Food.
**Monday, May 24th** at 8pm eastern/5pm pacific.

You can register for the zoom at www.AnEconomyofOurOwn.org/events

Panelists include:
- Environmentalist **Monique Verden** from WECAN International, Women’s Earth and Climate Action Network.

- **Economist Sabine O'Hara**, who heads the College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability & Environmental Sciences at the University of District of Columbia,

- **Didi Pershouse** of the Land and Leadership Initiative, and

- **WILPF member Gwendolyn Hallsmith** on restorative land and restorative finance.

**PUBLIC BANKING BENEFITS ALL OUR ISSUES:**

By helping to move the money away from war and the big transnational banks that fund war, to human needs.

Find your state and learn what initiatives are underway there at: [https://www.publicbankinginstitute.org/legislation-local-groups-by-state/#AL](https://www.publicbankinginstitute.org/legislation-local-groups-by-state/#AL)


**Sign up SOON**

for the new **Public Banking “Deeper Dive”**

Workshop series.

**Starting Fri. Aug 27th** at 8pm eastern.

Contact mbgardam@gmail.com

*Invite us* to talk to your branch or your activist network about public banking’s benefits for your issues. mbgardam@gmail.com
NEXT ONE WILPF CALL ZOOM
THURSDAY, JUNE 10th, 2021

7pm eastern/6pm central/5pm mountain/4pm pacific

CARING WAGES:
VALUE ESSENTIAL WORKERS
BY PAYING THEM EQUITABLY

Creating a society that values caregivers is an important part of creating a peaceful society. Whether caregivers are trained professionals, or people who give up careers to stay home and care for disabled, elderly, or very young children…..

their sacrifice contributes to the whole economy.
Let’s not keep them invisible.
Let’s celebrate them.
Let’s PAY them!
Invited presenters from

The Domestic Worker’s Alliance
and the 9 to 5 Organization

ADD YOUR COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS UNDER THIS RED LINE

The WILPF Mini-Grant Program nurtures the work being done by Issue Committees and Branches. The tiered levels of funding currently range from $250-2,500.

WILPF has 3 granting cycles, with deadlines of February 15, June 1 and October 1. Also note, the forms do not apply to a particular year’s funding cycle. Please simply use the most current forms posted.

To learn more, view and download the guidelines and application form at this address: https://wilpfus.org/resources/apply-grants
You're invited to attend a talk by Dr. Joe Graves, evolutionary biologist, on "Racism, Not Race," on Thursday, May 20, 7 pm Eastern, 6 pm Central, 4 pm Pacific. Sponsored by Detroit and Ann Arbor Branches. Register to attend.

If you post the JPEG (below) on social media, include this registration link in the post:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMscuGrrzwsG9zEUIzeDI7rcdnkujmms7Kz

Laura Dewey, the Detroit Branch of WILPF
The Detroit and Ann Arbor Branches of WILPF invites you to a presentation:

“RACISM, NOT RACE”

with

Dr. Joseph Graves

Thursday, May 20, 2021
7:00 PM Eastern Time

Dr. Graves, Wayne State University graduate, evolutionary biologist, and author of multiple publications on the genetics of race, will answer frequently asked questions and deconstruct racial assumptions through scientific analysis, in accessible terminology and common language.

Register here to attend this Zoom meeting.

Co-sponsors:

Citizens for Peace
Gray Panthers of Metro Detroit
Peace Action of Michigan
Swords Into Plowshares Peace Center & Gallery
Southeast Michigan Jobs with Justice