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Monthly Membership Meetings: Second Tuesday of each month: 7-9 pm at Unity of Livonia (Five Mile Rd. east of Middlebelt)

- Jan. Kevin 'Mr. Peace' Szawala reported on the "Budget Priorities Road Show".
- Feb. Panel discussion on Restorative Justice.
- March Professor Mike Whitty talked on making peace with Detroit
- April Rudy Simons' talk: "War on Iran? View from Israel, Iran and U.S."
- May Robert Weir talked on religious diversity and peace.
- June Mary Hanna gave presentation on "The Argument for Nonviolence: Speaking to the Heart and the Head."
- July Keith Gunter gave presentation on nuclear waste in Michigan
- Aug Vegetarian Potluck
- Sept. Members gave book reviews from books in the Peace Collections
- Oct. Dr. David Connell spoke on "Forgiveness – the Path to Peace"
- Nov. 9th Anniversary Celebration: concert by Steve Deasy; Compassionate Citizens Award presented to Caroline and Jerry Trout
- Dec. Kim Redigan gave presentation on Haiti, based on her latest visit this past summer; Book Exchange

Speaking Engagements:

Feb. 13: Presentation given to National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NAARFE), "Citizens for Peace 101"

Aug. 25:—Presentation given on connecting with love at Peace, Love & Yoga Day

Working with Other Organizations:

May 28: Arlington Michigan with the Veteran's For Peace

June 24: Inner Peace Festival sponsored by Center of Light

Aug 25: Peace, Love & Yoga Day with Yoga Association of Greater Detroit

Special Events:

April 1: Peace Concert with Gemini at the Westland Library. Kickoff of the new Westland Public Library Peace Collection

Aug. 25: Peace, Love & Yoga Day fundraiser

Sept. 1: Peace Pole Dedication – Citizens for Peace members shared favorite peace quotes as the Peace Pole at home of George & Colleen Mills was dedicated to the work of the Citizens for Peace

Sept. 22: ONE PEACE Celebration of the UN International Day of Peace Gemini concert; Peace Pals International Children's Art Display; informational tables; art activities; readings from the Citizens for Peace Library Peace Collection.

Special Project:

The development of a blog by the Education Committee of Citizens for Peace, "The Nuclear Age: R WE SAFE?" The purpose of this site is to gather and post information on the benefits and potential hazards of nuclear energy.

Tabling:

This activity involves setting up a table at an event and passing out information and talking with people about the mission and activities of Citizens for Peace.

March 11: "Into Eternity" film.

April 11: Wayne State University Civic Engagement Fair

April 21: Pax Christi Conference

May 28: Arlington Michigan

June 24: Inner Peace Festival – Ann Arbor

Aug 25: Peace, Love and Yoga Day

Sept. 22: ONE PEACE event for the UN Day of Peace

Sept. 23: Kevin 'Mr. Peace' Szawala's 7th Annual Peace Day in Ann Arbor

Nov. 10: Holiday Mart at Swords Into Plowshares

Dec. 2: Care & Share Fair in Brighton

Peace & Conflict Book Discussion Series for the Season for Nonviolence

Held at the Livonia Civic Center Library

Jan. 26: Film discussion of "Waltz with Bashir"

Feb. 23: Discussion of On Killing by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman

Mar. 29: Discussion of The End of War by Paul K. Chappell

Restorative Practices

June 6 – 8, Members attended the First Annual Midwest Peacemaking Conference in Manistee, MI. sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Fund Raising Events:

Aug. 25: Peace, Love & Yoga Day sponsored by the Yoga Association of Greater Detroit and the Citizens for Peace

Contact with Political Leaders:

April 11: John Conyers at Wayne State University

May 7: Mother's Day Peace Wants a Piece of the Pie visit with Senator Stabenow's assistant

Media Coverage

Livonia Observer Newspaper

Monthly notices and articles of all meetings and special events

"Give peace a chance: Livonia group focuses on inner calm, education, advocacy" written by Sharon Dargay; Sunday, July 8, 2012

"Peace: Yoga fans find love, calm at Livonia gathering: written by Sharon Dargay; Sunday, September 2, 2012

Body Mind Spirit Guide

July 2012: "Oh! The Stories They Tell:" Article published about the Midwest Peacemaking Conference of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, MI.; written by Colleen Mills.

Oct. 2012: Peace, Love & Yoga Day: Article about the all day event held at the Livonia Senior Center; written by Colleen Mills.

Radio

May 27: Body Mind Spirit Radio, "Chillin' with Mr. Peace" show;
Colleen Mills discussed education & peace

Sept. 5: Body Mind Spirit Radio, "Peace is for Everyone"
Colleen Mills shared the past, present & future peace events of Citizens for Peace

Dec. 7: Body Mind Spirit Radio, "Peace Plan"
Colleen Mills presented a plan for peace