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2012

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”.
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:


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”
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