

1-1-2014

Activities & Accomplishments 2013

Ann Abdo

none, arabdoo@earthlink.net

Recommended Citation

Abdo, Ann, "Activities & Accomplishments 2013" (2014). *Citizens for Peace*. Paper 56.
http://digitalcommons.wayne.edu/cpcs_cfp/56

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Peace and Justice Digital Resource Center at DigitalCommons@WayneState. It has been accepted for inclusion in Citizens for Peace by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@WayneState.

Citizens for Peace Activities & Accomplishments 2013

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

- Jan.: Film: "I AM." What's wrong with the world? What can we do about it?
- Feb.: Presentation by Colleen Mills: Karen Armstrong's Center for Compassion
- March: Presentation by Cecile Pineda: The Devil's Tango, Fukushima 2 Years Later
- April: Presentation by Robert Weir: The People of India
- May: Presentation by Ann Abdoo: Becoming a Kinder Gentler Nation: Shifting our Money to Support our Morals
- June: Film: "We're Not Broke"
- July: Planning for our Future; Brainstorming our Priorities
- Aug.: Annual vegetarian potluck
- Sept.: Film: "Globalized Soul" & presentation by producers Cynthia Lukas & Kell Kearns
- Oct.: Film: Gandhi's Children
- Nov.: Peace Concert with Brother Al & Steve Klaper; 10th anniversary celebration
- Dec. Presentation by Tada Gunter: Spiritual Activism

Board Meetings: May 25, Oct. 14

Education Committee Meetings: Apr. 13, Oct. 8, Oct. 13, Sept. 10

Citizen Action Committee Meetings: June 14, July 25, Sept. 17, Nov.5

Speaking Engagements:

May 4th – MENSA – Colleen Mills presented “Be the Peace You Wish to See in the World”

June 13th – Colleen Mills presented “How to Create More Peace, Love and Happiness in Your Life” talk to Schoolcraft faculty.

Aug. 24th – Colleen Mills gave a talk on the Science of Happiness at Peace, Love & Yoga Day

Working with Other Organizations:

Citizens for Peace Representative Gloria Gonek attends the monthly DAPJN (Detroit Area Peace with Justice Network) meetings on the second Thursday of each month.

Citizens for Peace financially supports Bishop Gumbleton’s Haiti Clinic

Citizens for Peace financially supports Kevin ‘Mr.Peace’ Szawala’s anti-bullying programs in several schools.

Jan. 16 – Joined the Alliance to Halt Fermi III.

Jan. 16 – Members attended Huntington Woods Peace & Education Group meeting on Gun Control

April 7 – MCHR Dinner – Citizens for Peace Table of ten plus other members attended

April 20 – Citizens for Peace Members attended the annual Pax Christi Conference

May 23 – Citizens for Peace members attended talk “Priorities for Peacemaking in the Congress and the White House” by Kathrine Phillipson, national Friends Committee Outreach staff member.

June 2 – Citizens for Peace supported WILPF’s program on Human Trafficking at Madonna University.

June 3 – 6 – George & Colleen Mills attended the Midwest Peacemaking Conference sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Aug. 6 – Citizens for Peace supported the annual Hiroshima/ Nagasaki event with Peace Action of Michigan. The theme this year was “Money for Jobs – Not Nukes;” speaker: National Peace Action Executive Director Kevin Martin at the Royal Oak Library.

Gloria Gonek, Ann Abdoo, & Joan Kazmierski attended the special afternoon workshop with Peace Action’s National Chairman Kevin Martin.

Sept. 22 – Supported annual PEACE Day in Ann Arbor.

Nov. 3 - META Peace Team Dinner; Citizens for Peace Table of ten, plus other members attended.

Dec. 15 – Peace Action “Move the Money Dinner” and talk by Judith LeBlanc, National Field Director of Peace Action; five Citizens for Peace members attended.

Special Events:

Season for Nonviolence: Discussions at the Livonia Civic Center Library

Feb. 7: Presentation by Dr. Grant Shafer, HFCC on Comparative Religions

March 7: Read & discussed book by Karen Armstrong, “Muhammad: A Prophet for our Time.”

April 4: Read & book by William Ury, “The Third Side: Why we Fight & How we can Stop.”

April 6 – Michael Wickett workshop “Creating a Powerful Life Vision” sponsored by the Citizens for Peace and Unity of Livonia.

Aug. 24 – Peace, Love & Yoga Day

Sept. 21 – ONE PEACE Celebration of the UN International Day of Peace at the Livonia Civic Center Library

Blog: Nuclear Age, R We Safe

The nuclearagerwesafe.blogspot.com was developed by the Education Committee to provide information on the pros and cons of nuclear power, nuclear weapons, and nuclear medicine. In 2013 there were over 2900 hits.

Peace Collection

Books were donated to the Peace Collection at the Livonia Civic Center Library

Restorative Practices

The Chairperson of the Education Committee attended regular planning sessions with a Detroit area committee to establish the Detroit Area Restorative Justice Network. This was accomplished. It is managed by the Detroit Area Restorative Justice Center at St. Peters Episcopal Church in Detroit. Bi-monthly gatherings focused on the various entities who use Restorative Justice. In addition, three hour training sessions were conducted about every three months. The Center also serves as a resource for anyone interested in restorative circles or practices.

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.

April 20 – Pax Christi Conference at the Mercy Conference Center

June 2 - WILPF presentation on Human Trafficking by Jane P. White, director of the MI Human Trafficking Task Force, MI State University

June 16 – Citizens for Peace had a booth at the Inner Peace Festival on Main Street in Ann Arbor

Aug. 24 – Peace, Love & Yoga Day at the Livonia Senior Center

Sept. 21 – ONE PEACE Celebration of the UN International Day of Peace

Nov. 9 – Holiday Mart at Swords Into Plowshares Art Gallery

Dec. 8 – Care and Share Fair at CUUB in Brighton

Fund Raising Events

March - Buck Dinner Grant

Aug. - Peace, Love & Yoga Day

Dec. - Citizens for Peace, Education Fund Raffle

Political Action:

Feb. 25 - Colleen Mills visited Senator Levin's office with several members of the DAPJN to discuss reducing Pentagon spending to meet human needs

May 9 – Kerry Bentivolio visit by Gloria Gonek, Colleen Mills and George Mills as part of the Peace Wants a Piece of the Pie Campaign

Dec. 2 – Gloria Gonek was the Citizens for Peace representative on the Conference call with Senator Stabenow. The topic was reducing Pentagon spending to meet human needs.

Dec. 19 - The Livonia Observer newspaper published a letter to the editor that Sally Peck wrote on the importance of the passage of the Youth Promise Act in Congress.

The Education Committee organized a letter writing campaign to the National Regulatory Commission, state and federal elected officials urging them to not license further nuclear plants until there is a method to safely store the plants' radioactive waste. Over eighty postcards were sent.

Media Coverage

Newspaper

Notices and press releases of all monthly meetings and special events for the entire year appeared in the Observer/Eccentric Newspaper.

Publications

Published the “Political Action Guide for Peace” (2013 – 2015 edition)