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Citizens for Peace Activities & Accomplishments 2014

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

- Jan. 14: “How to Turn MLK’s Dream into Reality;” Presentation by Rev. Rich Peacock
- Feb. 11: “Love in our Hearts – Peace in Our World;” Presentation by Robert Weir
- March 11: Author Irene Miller Shares her Holocaust Experience
- April 8: “From War to Acts of Kindness;” Presentation by Sergeant Caleb Magnan
- May 13: “Creating Peace in the Neighborhood;” Presentation by John Barth about the work of the United Neighborhood Initiative in southwest Detroit.
- June 10: “Human Trafficking;” Presentations by Deena Policichio from Alternative for Girls and Joyce Haskett, a survivor of trafficking.
- July 8: “Weaving Life: The Life and Death of a Peacemaker;” Film and discussion about Dan Terry.
- Aug 12: “Peace Zones for Life;” Presentation by Ron Scott. Youth Promise Act; Presentation by Ann Abdo
- Sept. 9: “Inner Peace;” presentation by Robert Weir
- Oct. 14: “From Prisoner to Peace Activist;” Film and discussion by Yusif Shakoor
- Nov. 11: “Networking with Peace Groups;” Presentation by Katherine Pilipson from Friends Committee on National Legislation; plus celebration of 11th anniversary.
- Dec. 9: Annual Veggie Potluck and Holiday Party. Raffle drawing for Education Fund.

Education Committee Meetings: Members attend in-person meetings and then communicate via email to plan and implement such programs as the Nuclear Waste Campaign and the Education Fund Raffle. They also continue to work on the Peace and Nonviolence Bibliography and contact public libraries about possible donations.

Citizen Action Committee Meetings: Members meet on the first Tuesday every other month and discuss their progress with various actions and share ideas and strategies to implement and further their goals. Members are working on the issues of human trafficking, moving money from the Pentagon budget to peaceful purposes and passage of the Youth PROMISE Act.

Peace Alliance Action Team Meetings: Members of Citizens for Peace and others are invited to attend monthly meetings. These meetings consist of being part of a conference call from the Peace Alliance, and then taking action for the month to increase support for the Youth PROMISE Act.

Speaking Engagements

May 7: “The Potential for Peace;” presentation by Colleen Mills to the Lifelong Learning Academy of Oakland University.

Oct. 21: Presentation on the key elements of the Youth PROMISE Act by Ann Abdoo to the Youth Partnership Coalition in southwest Detroit.

Supporting Other Organizations

Feb. 8: Peace Action’s program on Nuclear Weapons & Waste at the Ferndale Public Library.

Mar. 9: WILPF’s program for International Women’s Day at Swords into Plowshares . Peace Gallery.

May 4: Gray Panthers Anniversary Dinner

May 10: Peace Action’s Annual Dinner

July 31 – Aug. 3: WILPF Congress on Women, Democracy & Corporate Power

Oct. 19: WILPF’s program on Nuclear Waste

Oct. 26: Meta Peace Team’s Annual Fundraiser Dinner

Special Event

May 29 & 31: Group field trips to the Urban Neighborhood Initiative Community Center to learn about their programs that bring people together to improve the neighborhood and create a culture of peace.

Working with other Organizations

Mar. 20: Partnered with the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County for the Community Conversations hosted by the Center for Michigan. The survey gathered information on a variety of key issues important to the citizens of Michigan.

Program to honor the 2014 Season for Nonviolence:

Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10 – Let’s talk about ways to leave a nonviolent & peaceful world to our children. Participants watched videos, read and discussed the book, The Search for a Nonviolent Future; A Promise of Peace for Ourselves, our Families, and Our World, by Dr. Michael Nagler.

UN International Day of Peace

Sept. 21: Peace Walk\Vigil started at the Veteran’s Memorial in Livonia.

Peace Collection

Since 2007, the Education Committee has been working on a bibliography of books listing peace and nonviolence for children and adults. It now lists over 600 titles. Since June of 2007, there have been 3,201 downloads of the Peace Bibliography. This bibliography is shared with public libraries, so they can select titles that Citizens for Peace then donates for their collections. So far Livonia Civic Center Library, Redford, Westland, Farmington Hills, and Commerce Township public libraries have added books to their collections about peace and nonviolence.

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.

Mar. 29: Pax Christi Conference

Oct. 25: NAACP Ypsilanti Branch Gala

Nov. 15: Holiday Mart at Swords into Plowshares

Dec. 7: Care & Share Fair at CUUB Brighton

Fund Raising Events

Sept. 26: Swami Beyondananda Cosmic Comedy Show

Dec. 10: Education Fund Raffle

Contact with Political Leaders:

May 8 and Aug. 18: Meetings with Senator Stabenow's office manager

Nuclear Waste Campaign

There is an ongoing letter writing campaign, to stop the licensing of nuclear power plants until there is safe storage for the radioactive waste from 100 plus nuclear power plants in the U.S. In addition, members are actively writing their legislators to prevent the State of Michigan from being a site of disposal for low and medium levels of radioactive waste. More information can be found on the Citizens for Peace blog "Nuclear Age R We Safe?"

Media Coverage

Livonia Observer Newspaper

Notices and press releases of all meetings and special events

Detroit Free Press Play Section

Notice of the Cosmic Comedy Show

Publications

The Get Involved Guide; a Guide to Peace and Political Action by Dana Marks; published by Citizens for Peace.